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At Three-Week Clinic...

Oak Ridge Strives To Instill Passion For Golf In Youngsters

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

There is no doubt that golf is becoming bigger all the time, perhaps because of all the young lions and lionesses making their way in the PGA and LPGA — Tiger Woods, Lee Janzen, John Daly, and Se Ri Pak (the 20 year-old winner of the Women's U.S. Open and three other tournaments this year on the ladies' tour).

The Oak Ridge Golf Club in Feeding Hills has been helping local golfers get a taste of the game in hopes of channeling their energy into taking up the sport on a recreational basis.

"We've been doing this for 15 seasons. Last year saw our largest enrollment," Oak Ridge Golf Club Head Pro and PGA member Jim Modzelesky said, adding, "That was mostly due to the Tiger Woods phenomenon. We're down a bit this year, but there are still a good number of kids here to learn."

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After Helping With The Building Of A New Church...

Feeding Hills Minister Welcomes Visitors From South Carolina

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Arsonists may have intended to frighten, intimidate, or demoralize the African-American congregation of a small wooden church in rural South Carolina by firebombing a house of worship, but their act of malice has ultimately had just the opposite effect.

A new church has been built; the congregation has nearly doubled; friendships between the reconstruction volunteers and church members are being strengthened and maintained; and the young people are opening themselves to the possibility of attending college at prestigious New England schools they would never have considered without the encouragement of their new friends.

"I think it's ironic that the people who tried to burn them out have made the congregation twice as strong. So it seems the nastier you are, the more it will backfire on you in the end," according to Feeding Hills Congregational Church Pastor Rob Donaldson.

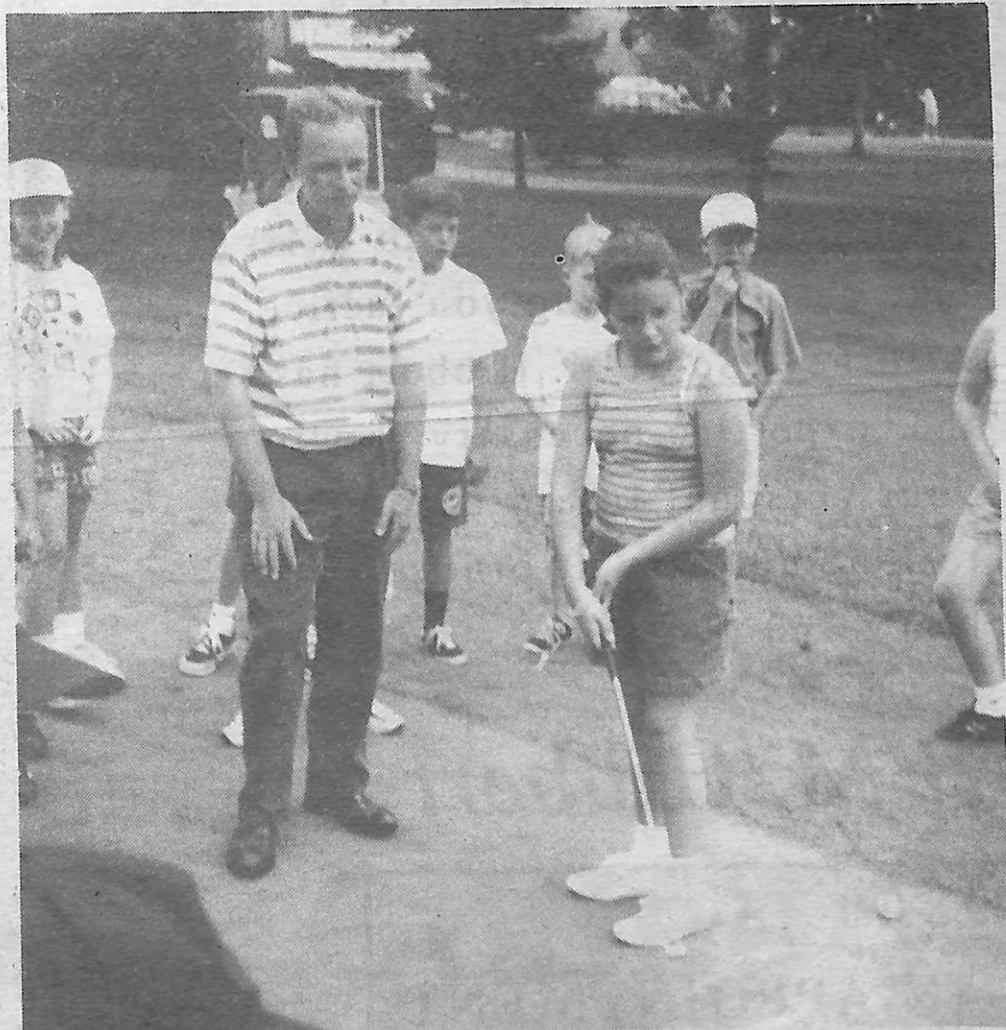
Last summer, Rev. Donaldson spent a week of his vacation working with Project Rebuild to con-

struct a new home for the Rosemary Baptist Church in Barnwell, South Carolina. After learning more about the rash of burnings that destroyed or damaged more than 400 churches across the country, Donaldson realized there had to be a culture of acceptance in order for such widespread brutality to keep happening.

"It's part of my job as a pastor to stand up and say 'No, this is not the way we treat people.' I see this as part of my calling," Rev. Donaldson said. "This is the kind of thing that appeals to me - meeting new people and helping people. I have four weeks of vacation and I get bored just sitting on a beach."

Two weeks ago, the Donaldson family hosted 16 year-old Chanda Brooker and her 13 year-old brother, B.J., on the first leg of their 10-day visit with the local volunteers they first met during the construction of their new church in Barnwell.

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ERIC NELSON, Oak Ridge Golf Club's new Assistant Pro, watches Kaitlyn Bonneville of Agawam putt during the three-week golf clinic for youngsters that just concluded at Oak Ridge. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.



REVEREND ROBERT DONALDSON (far left), pastor of Feeding Hills Congregational Church, with visitors B.J. and Chanda Brooker from Barnwell, South Carolina, and his son and wife, Douglas and Debra. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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The visiting teens found life different in Feeding Hills compared to their experiences at home. Chanda pointed out the very fact of visiting with a Caucasian family would be frowned on by most, but not all, of the people back home.

Amazing Difference

Asked what he would tell family and friends back home about the difference between life in New England and life in the rural South, B.J. said, "The first thing I'll tell them is the amazing thing is you could walk down the street and people will speak to you when they see you. People don't look down when they see you coming; they look you straight in the face and that feels good."

When she first learned of the destruction of her church in April 1996, Chanda was so mad she cried. But now she sees something positive coming out of a hateful and brutal act.

The congregation has more than doubled, partly because the new church was built in the heart of the community rather than on a deserted country road (in order to qualify for insurance coverage) and kids are flocking to their youth ministry programs, Chanda said.

The new church is so beautiful, it just draws a crowd, according to B.J.

"When we started our youth ministry, we had about six or seven kids coming and now we have about 40 kids," Chanda said. "The church has grown. We've met a lot of people and we have friends all over the Northeast."

One of those new friends, a volunteer from Longmeadow, sparked Chanda's interest in attending college in New England. While her brother enjoyed swimming and summertime activities with the Donaldson kids, Chanda visited Amherst College and Smith College. When they visit with friends in Greenfield, Orange, and Hartford, Chanda plans to tour UMass, Trinity College, and UConn.

"I'm getting a good look around," Chanda said. She hopes to study chemistry and mathematics in college.

The high school junior is active in volunteering at church and in the community. Chanda parlayed her love of basketball into organizing a fundraising tournament to benefit a liver transplant patient and she loves to write poetry, stories, and long, newsy letters to keep Rev. Donaldson's congregation up-to-date on the events of her life and of her congregation in Barnwell.

Rev. Donaldson calls her "the queen of the epistle. She's right up there with the Apostle Paul."



A PICTURE OF Rosemary Baptist Church in Barnwell, South Carolina. Working with Project Rebuild, Reverend Robert Donaldson of Feeding Hills Congregational Church spent a week last summer helping in the construction of this church.

Chanda's letters are read aloud to the Feeding Hills congregation in keeping with the Christian tradition of sharing news between congregations (as seen in the epistles sent by Paul to the congregation of the early Christian church, Rev. Donaldson said.)

Great Response From Congregation

"I've been very pleased with the way our congregation has responded," Rev. Donaldson said. "The congregation looked forward to hearing her letters and we had a good turnout for our welcome barbecue when Chanda and B.J. arrived."

It's been two years since arson gutted the pulpit area of Rosemary Baptist Church and caused extensive damage to the rest of the wooden building, destroying what had been the spiritual home to about 30 families.

Their beloved church may be gone, but the congregation is still standing stronger than ever and conducting worship in a modern, air-conditioned brick church built with the help of volunteers from New England, Indiana, and New Jersey (with construction funds allotted by the National Council of Churches).

For 114 years, the members of Rosemary Baptist Church gathered for worship services in an isolated wooden church on a lonely country road in Barnwell, South Carolina. Their pulpit Bible was a cherished part of church history, its pages lovingly turned by the reverent hands of generations of church members.

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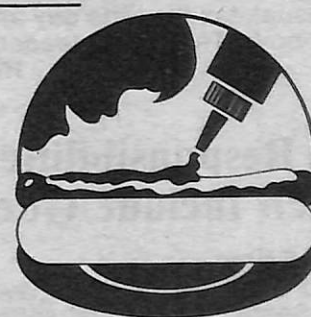
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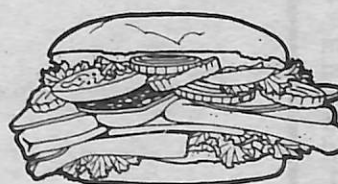
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Guest Editorial...

Kennedy & Kerry Chose Kids Over Big Tobacco

by Paul Hart Miller of Agawam
American Heart Association

The Senate recently bypassed a historic opportunity to protect kids from the dangers of tobacco. Instead of enacting reform, the Senate killed tough, comprehensive legislation sponsored by Senator John McCain.

While we were greatly disappointed that the Senate killed the McCain bill, we thank Senator Edward Kennedy and Senator John Kerry for standing up to Big Tobacco and voting yes to protecting kids from tobacco.

Smoking among high school seniors is at a 19-year high and each day, 3,000 kids become regular smokers. One-third of these will die prematurely from a tobacco-related illness. Our Senators' recent vote demonstrated their commitment to kids and to America's public health.

In the end, the Senate failed to ensure our kids a chance to grow up tobacco-free. Instead, they conceded to Big Tobacco's campaign contributions and scare tactics. The House must not be allowed to make a similar mistake. Unfortunately, they have unveiled a weak framework for House tobacco control legislation. We must let them know that passage of phony tobacco legislation could be worse than none at all.

Big Tobacco put up a multi-million dollar smokescreen of lies and exaggerations about big taxes and big government in their desperate attempt to drown out broad public support for the McCain bill. Many Senators lost sight of what tobacco control legislation is really about - protecting kids. "Big Tobacco" also tried to frame tobacco reform as something the American public doesn't care about. They couldn't be more wrong. The American Heart Association is joined by two-thirds of Americans who support tough, comprehensive legislation that protects kids from tobacco.

The tobacco industry neglected to highlight any of the problems their products cause in their \$40 million advertising blitz. The AHA has spent over 50 years fighting heart disease and stroke - afflictions that are often caused by tobacco. Tobacco

is responsible for over 400,000 deaths each year in this country, including nearly 200,000 from cardiovascular diseases and stroke. Smokers have an 88 percent increased risk of a stroke. The American Heart Association's 4.2 million volunteers believe the numbers speak for themselves.

To counter numbers like these, the American Heart Association worked with the entire public health community and concerned citizens across the country to call for legislation that would drive down youth smoking and fund important public health programs.

Our efforts must now focus on the House as they gear up to consider tobacco control legislation. An opportunity for the House to pass tough, comprehensive tobacco control legislation already exists. This bill - the "Bipartisan No Tobacco for Kids Act of 1998," H 3868 sponsored by Rep. James Hansen (R-UT) and our own Rep. Martin Meehan (D) of Lowell - would accomplish key public health goals supported by the AHA. We strongly support the efforts of Rep. Meehan, who has shown great leadership in crafting this bipartisan bill. His bill has the potential to save millions of lives and significantly drive down youth smoking rates.

In contrast, the House leadership failed to address our concerns in their recent announcement of a framework for their tobacco reform legislation. Their framework falls far short of what is needed to reduce teen smoking and protect millions of kids from the ravages of tobacco products. Don't be fooled into thinking new legislation stemming from these pronouncements would offer any real reform on tobacco. Citizens should urge Representatives to drop this counterfeit legislation and get to work on real tobacco legislation.

Like tobacco control opponents in the Senate, House supporters of this ill-conceived framework falsely assert that they reflect the will of the people. This new approach would significantly

weaken the FDA's role in tobacco oversight at a time when 72 percent of the American public supports FDA regulation of tobacco. Their framework would penalize kids for possession of tobacco products while giving tobacco companies free reign to continue their unethical marketing to kids.

The lines in this fight have been drawn. Let the recent events in the Senate galvanize and further mobilize all of us around meaningful tobacco control legislation. We need strong tobacco legislation now - the lives of our children depend on it.

Tobacco addiction is clearly a big problem in this country. We must call on Congress to hand the American people a big solution, not a political fig leaf. The newly announced framework for tobacco legislation in the House is an election-year bait and switch that would allow Representatives to pretend they did something about tobacco. But, the American Heart Association knows better and so do the American people.

Members of Congress must be held accountable by the public for their inaction on tobacco reform. They have a choice to make: kids or tobacco. True representatives of the people shouldn't let Big Tobacco scare them. No past or potential campaign contributions, no delays and no multi-million dollar ad campaigns should affect their decision. We must demand that our elected officials keep the faces and futures of our nation's most precious resource - our children - before them.

This article was written by Paul Hart Miller, Chairman of the American Heart Association's Public Advocacy Committee and a resident of Agawam. Mr. Miller has been a key advocate in the American Heart Association's national effort to pass meaningful and comprehensive tobacco control legislation in Congress.



Letters To The Editor

Why Are Taxes Being Raised In The Town Of Agawam???

To The Editor:

Would the Mayor and Town Council please explain why taxes are being increased. With the power plant promising millions of dollars and Riverside expanding with no end in sight, I see plenty of money going to the town to pay for increases in town's services.

I don't require extra police (Riverside) and I don't need extra water to operate my home (power plant), so why tax me? Well, why?

As usual, tax the little guy and be pals with the money-boys. Thank you, leaders of Agawam.

Richard Schoolcraft
Agawam

The Responsibilities Of A Coach Include Good Manners

To The Editor:

I had the opportunity to view the playoff game in the Sacred Heart girls' softball league among the 13 to 17 year-olds. What saddens and disappoints me is the behavior of a coach when her team loses. Actually, she is nothing more than the assistant coach.

This assistant coach for the yellow team screamed, hollered, demanded, and was granted a continuation of a playoff game when it ended with one inning left because of darkness. This coach screamed at the blue team coaches and the commissioner until she got what she wanted. Why? This is similar to temper tantrums children display when they don't get their own way.

The rules are clear; the yellow team lost because they were behind and the game is called because of darkness. It's very clear. My question to this coach is if the yellow team was ahead, would she volunteer to play the final inning, as she demanded this be done for the yellow because they were losing? I doubt it.

After speaking with the commissioner regarding the throwing away of the rules to please one whiner, the commissioner said this coach behaves like this each season and all the other coaches are very familiar with this behavior and it is continually allowed.

Why? Is this the type of message we want to send our children? Scream, holler, demand, don't follow the rules, and get what you want?

This puts a sour taste in my mouth not just with the coach, but with all involved because this behavior is allowed and it happens each season. Whatever happened to sportsmanship and playing to improve oneself? I guess it went the way of the Edsel.

Richard Schoolcraft
Agawam

Traffic Is Becoming Hazardous Near Bethany

To The Editor:

I am writing this to make people aware of a public safety issue in our neighborhood. I live on the corner of Allen Street and Stewart Lane and have only been in the town for a year-and-a-half, but I have already seen what was once just a nuisance become a real problem. The problem is the traffic going into and coming out of the emergency exit to the rear of Bethany Church.

Before the addition to the church, traffic going into and out of their parking lot was spotty at best, and the cars always seemed to take into account that it is a very residential neighborhood and would go slow down Allen Street, then to Parker and sometimes Stewart Lane. It was annoying but tolerable. This is not the case anymore.

Traffic has increased manifold in the last few months. Cars no longer drive slowly but speed down our streets in order to beat the rush out of the church. The volume of traffic has at least tripled due in no small part to the increase in traffic going into Riverside at approximately the same time the church lets out.

People in my neighborhood walk down the streets with their children or with their pets, enjoying the relative peace of a dead-end street. People play with their kids and grandchildren in their front yards. All of that changes when there is a special church function or Mass on Sunday.

For all intents and purposes, the streets turn into a free-for-all of speeding cars. It's analogous to when a rock concert lets out and everyone is trying to beat the traffic out. Since I live on the corner of Stewart and Allen, I am witness to this each and every week.

I have asked the church if they could do anything and have been told that they would make an announcement during Mass but, because it's

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In addition to the sanctuary, there was a modest annex, the home of religious education classes and the fellowship hall.

All of that tradition was lost when the church building was destroyed by an act of cowardice and the cherished Bible was stolen to add insult to the injury, according to Rev. Donaldson.

The night Rosemary Baptist Church was engulfed in flames, firefighters were called to two separate minor lawn fires at white membership churches in Barnwell County as a diversionary tactic to ensure the destruction of Rosemary. Based on the diversionary tactic of the simultaneous lawn burnings and other evidence found at Rosemary Church, the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms has determined that Rosemary was victimized by arsonists, Rev. Donaldson said.

The crime remains unsolved.

While the Barnwell congregation of Rosemary Church has a new home, other communities in the south are still accepting the help of volunteers to rebuild their churches. Last week, Rev. Donaldson, his wife, Debbie, and son, Douglas, joined two other Feeding Hills Congregational members and three volunteers from other area churches to help rebuild a burned out church in Birmingham, Alabama.

Asked if her worried about doing missionary work in areas where even churches are not immune from hatred and violence, Rev. Donaldson said, "When it's happened once, we're always aware of the possibility of violence. But, I never felt personally threatened in Barnwell and I certainly wouldn't be bringing my family and congregation members to Alabama if I thought they would be in danger."

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TOWN OF AGAWAM

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at Agawam Middle School, in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., on Monday, August 3, 1998 upon petition of Western Mass. Electric Company dated June 30, 1998 for permission to relocate pole number 89 to property line. This work is being done to install a new feed to T&R Wholesale in the ways or parts of ways designated in said petition, along which designated route of line you are an owner of real estate as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

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Rep. Keenan Has Applications For State Women's Commission

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan has announced that applications are now available for the newly-established Commission on the Status of Women. Massachusetts made history last May by establishing its first-ever permanent Commission on the Status of Women.

The Commission will study and report on the status of women in the Commonwealth, serve as a central clearinghouse for information, and encourage greater participation among women in state government.

The Commission will be comprised of 19 persons who have had prior experience working toward the improvement of the status of women. Appointments will be made by the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, and Caucus of Women Legislators.

Applications may be obtained by contacting Rep. Keenan's district office, (413) 786-4545; checking the Massachusetts state government website at www.state.ma.us/women; or by calling (617) 722-2800, extension 8435.

Applications will be accepted between August 1 and September 16, 1998.

Harshbarger To Speak At Valley Press Club's August 4th Luncheon

Massachusetts Attorney General Scott Harshbarger, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for governor, will speak to the Valley Press Club on Tuesday, August 4th, as part of its series on the gubernatorial candidates.

The attorney general will be questioned about his campaign at a luncheon meeting at 12:00 noon in The Fort Restaurant at 8 Fort Street in Springfield.

The cost of the luncheon is \$10, and the public is invited to attend. For reservations, please call 787-0107.

Last month, Acting Governor Paul Cellucci, who is seeking the Republican nomination, was grilled by the club.

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an emergency exit, there is nothing they can do to restrict access. When I called the police, they said that there was nothing they could do except post a car to stop the speeders. This never happened.

One of my neighbors has been here for 30-plus years and has complained many times and says it has gotten much worse. He can't even play with his grandchildren in his front yard because he fears for their safety.

What is it going to take before some kind of action is taken? Does anyone have to be injured or (God forbid) killed before anyone will listen?

I realize that this is but one small piece of Agawam, but all of the people on Parker and Allen are tired of it, and I think we deserve to be able to walk our streets without having to look over our shoulders for speeding cars.

William Vaughn
Agawam

In Praise Of The Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League

To The Editor:

Congratulations to all the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League boys, girls, 1998 Division teams, and coaches.

What a great time everyone had whether they won or lost!

Thank you very much to the parents, relatives, and friends who came to see you play. Your support was out of this world!

Very truly yours,
Clyde E.P. Benton

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 1998 at 6:30 P.M., for all parties interested in the appeal of EDWARD & ANDREA LACOUR, who are seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-71 of the Zoning Ordinances, which will allow for the construction of an addition and garage at the premises identified as: 84 MEADOWBROOK ROAD.

Ronald A. Hebert
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The kids ranged in age from pre-juniors (7-11 years-old) to juniors (12-17 years of age). The clinic started Monday, July 13th. Running for three straight weeks, it culminated this past Wednesday.

For \$6 per child, the kids got the full gamut of the game, including the right choice of equipment, course etiquette, grip and body posture, initial takeaway, chipping rules, and the full swing.

"Those who come here to learn the basics will certainly benefit in the coming years, if they stay with it. Someday, golf might be the only game many of them will be able to keep playing," Modzelesky noted.

Stressing Three "Basics"...

He pointed out that of all the basics, they stress three things at Oak Ridge Golf Club — grip, stance, and posture. "You'll notice that all the pros, every one, has a coach they go to when their game suddenly gets out of whack. The first thing they address is grip, stance, and posture. That is 95 percent of why your game can suddenly vanish. We call it the basic set-up," he stated.

Golf is constant repetition. Once the set-up is learned by hours of practice, the rest of the game becomes your own personal statement. Not everyone can have the perfect swing, or play the rough or other hazards the same way because everyone is different.

Case in point, according to Modzelesky — PGA star Jim Furyk, who has a swing not many golfers would care to emulate. However, Furyk has the set-up and is usually found lurking around the top of the leader board most weeks.

"We want to get the basics down, but we don't want to dictate to the kids. They want to have fun and come here to do just that while they learn," Modzelesky said.

That's why they make sure the kids get to go up to Longhi's Golf Facility in Southwick, which helps sponsor the program. It is a state-of-the-art place where the students can practice their driving, chipping, and putting.

Besides a huge driving range, Longhi's has a lush par-three course and a challenging mini-golf course. "We take them there because they can get a little antsy, especially the older ones, so having them hit away at the ball gives them and us a chance to assess their progress. And in the three weeks of the program, most do progress quite well," Modzelesky said.

Boys and girls are represented at the clinic, though (according to Modzelesky) boys usually outnumber the girls. He notes that at the ages attending, the girls show as much ability as the boys. "Some of them can out-drive the guys, for that matter," he smiled.

Showing An Ability And A Taste For the Game...

Many of the kids show ability and a taste for the game. "Yeah, we'll talk to their parents after the clinic and tell them we can see ability. Unfortunately, at that age, with so many other sports



SANDRA BROWN of Agawam and her seven year-old grandson, Adam, get ready for the putting clinic at Oak Ridge Golf Club. Advertiser

News photo by Dave Rollins.

out there, some of them will choose to employ their talents elsewhere," admitted Modzelesky.

However, he stressed, some kids continue to excel. Agawam's All-Western Mass. junior, Chris Rousseau, attended the clinic and has gone on to a Western Mass. title and what looks to be a promising future in the sport.

While Modzelesky oversees the clinic and everything else at Oak Ridge, the bulk of the teaching part of the clinic goes to new Assistant Pro Eric Nelson. The 25 year-old has shown himself to be a patient and talented instructor.

The Oak Ridge Golf Club Junior Program was also sponsored by *The Agawam Advertiser News* and the Strycharz family.

"I want to thank all of them for their support over the years. They have helped us make the whole thing a great success," remarked Modzelesky.

Rep. Keenan Has Eligibility Criteria For Vets' Cemeteries

Application and general eligibility criteria for interment at Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemeteries are available at State Representative Daniel F. Keenan's district office in Agawam at 342 Springfield Street.

To obtain information and an application, contact Rep. Keenan's office at (413) 786-4545.

The Town of Agawam will be host to the first Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Massachusetts. The site for the second Veterans' Memorial Cemetery is located in Winchendon, Massachusetts.

At Last Week's Meeting...

Conservation Comm. Accepts WMECO's Wetlands Plan

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Last week, the Conservation Commission unanimously accepted the plan submitted by Western Mass. Electric Company (WMECO) for protecting wetlands and buffer zones at the site of their proposed interconnection substation to be built on Moylan Lane.

Northeast Utilities spokesman Robert Charpentier said WMECO is planning to build a 115-volt substation to interconnect the Berkshire Power Plant under construction with the power transmission grid.

The 115v interconnection substation will include space for a 24- by 40-foot relay and control enclosure, as well as switching devices, current-limiting reactors, voltage sensing devices, surge arrester, electrical bus, supporting steel structures and foundations, and interconnecting control cables and conduits.

Two existing transmission towers will be removed and nine new towers will be erected. To accommodate transmission lines between existing and proposed towers, trees will be cleared to within 40 feet on both sides of the transmission lines.

Representing the environmental consulting firm Earth Tech, John Vaccaro said a portion of the two-acre substation and four transmission lines would be located within the buffer zone of the wetlands. Two transmission lines will be outside the buffer zone.

"We don't have any disturbance to the wetland," Vaccaro said. "We just have some work in the buffer zone."

The proposed two-acre substation will be located on five acres to be deeded over to WMECO by Berkshire Power as part of a plan to avoid impacting the wetlands and at the same time provide a 25-acre parcel as habitat for the eastern box turtle.

Vaccaro said the discovery of a population of eastern box turtles on the WMECO property (adjacent to the Berkshire Power site) prevented the utility from using the property for the substation. Rather, the facility will be built on five acres of the Berkshire Power site that had previously been set aside to offset agricultural acreage lost to the power plant.

In a deal being worked out between the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife and the power developers, the National Heritage & Endangered Species Program will receive 25 acres of turtle habitat from WMECO, and Berkshire Power will turn over the agricultural offset acreage to WMECO for the substation.

Agawam Conservation Commissioner Mark Siegars said there will be restrictions on the construction site to make sure the turtles aren't disturbed while the substation is being built.

Although WMECO has the power of eminent domain to take the five acres, Berkshire Power will transfer the land without seeking payment, according to Chief Operating Officer Ken Roberts.

"We're going to give them the land because it's the right thing to do as good corporate neighbors," Roberts said.

The Planning Board will review the site plan for the substation at its next meeting on Thursday, August 6th at 7:00 p.m., in the Peirce Community Room at the Agawam Police Station.

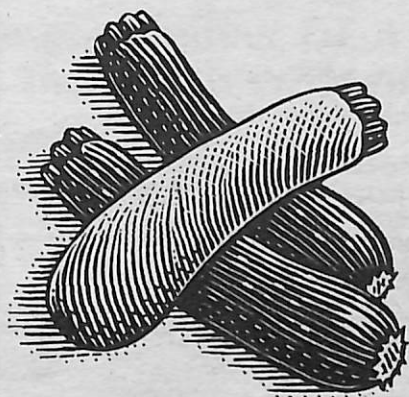
Low-Number Plates Available - Keenan

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan is pleased to inform his constituents of a low-number license plate lottery conducted by the Registry of Motor Vehicles. More than 2,000 low-number license plates will be available.

Applicants must be state residents with an active state license. Lottery applications can be found at any registry office or on the registry's website at www.ma.us/rmv.

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*Officials Optimistic About Local Control...***Decision Expected On Future Of County Land**by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Four weeks ago, Hampden County ceased to exist, but the fate of county-owned land in Agawam is still undecided as time runs out on the deadline for a gubernatorial veto on a bill that would allow the town to retain local control of two parcels totaling 234 acres.

Just days before the Thursday, July 30th midnight deadline for Governor Paul Cellucci to exercise his veto power, local officials were optimistic that the Governor would approve a bill designating former Hampden County land in Agawam as an area for economic development and open space preservation.

Last week, both the House and the Senate approved the bill filed by Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda Melconian that will allow Agawam to purchase county-owned land on River Road and on South Westfield Street rather than have the title transferred to the state.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson credited Senator Melconian with carrying the ball in Boston on getting the bill through the joint House/Senate conference committee.

"I have a call in to the Governor's office and I haven't heard anything negative, so I'm hoping he will sign the bill," Johnson said.

Michael J. Walsh, legislative aide to Senator Melconian, said their office has been working closely with the executive office and has had no indication that the Governor intends to veto the measure.

Under the terms of Melconian's bill, the land

transfers serve a valid state purpose by ensuring the River Road parcel is used for agricultural, horticultural, or recreational use to preserve open space and by requiring the Feeding Hills parcel be used for a regional industrial park.

The Full And Fair Market Value...

The town will pay the state the full and fair market value for the two parcels, totaling approximately 234 acres, in a user-friendly payment plan designed to ease the burden for bonding costs on the town. The 50-plus acres on River Road will be paid for in a lump sum, five years after the town takes the title. The larger parcel on South Westfield Street will be paid for in installments beginning in three years. The town will pay five percent of the assessed value each year for 20 years.

Walsh said the financial arrangements were designed to give the town a three-year window of opportunity in which the town will be able to plan for including the cost of acquiring the land in the town budget.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the town to gain control over this valuable property," Walsh said.

Johnson agrees that gaining local control over the future use of the property is of critical importance to the town in making sure the land is used positively and the town is protected from an undesirable state facility.

Johnson said no specific plans are in the works for the River Road site, except to preserve it as

open space. For the 80 developable acres of the 195-acre parcel on South Westfield Street, discussions are underway between local officials and the WestMass Area Development Corporation to create a green-space park similar to (but smaller than) the existing Agawam Regional Industrial Park.

Johnson is hoping to enter a relationship with a non-profit developer, like WestMass, to develop the land at no cost to the community.

Sewer Service May Be Extended...

Besides bringing the benefits of economic development to the town and to the region, an industrial park on the Feeding Hills site could mean that sewer service may be extended to the pockets of residential development currently using septic systems, Johnson said in an earlier interview.

"In order to effectively develop an industrial park, we'd have to look at extending sewer service through an economic development grant, making it less costly and possibly feasible to extend the service to residential areas," Johnson said.

The town has been trying to acquire the county property for the last 11 years, through legislation filed by former State Representative Michael Walsh and subsequently through an ongoing legal tug-of-war with the county.

The state will take title to the Criminal Justice Training Council facility and two surrounding acres on South Westfield Street, according to Melconian's office.

Fire Wise... by Fire Chief David Pisano**It Only Takes A Minute For A Fire To Grow**

Fire is hot, deadly, and fast. It only takes a minute for a fire burning in a house to grow to three times its original size. In four minutes, it grows to 11 times its size, and in six minutes, it reaches 50 times its original size. The average temperature within eight minutes can reach 1,250 degrees!

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2. As you leave the area where the fire is located, close the door to confine the fire.
3. Call the fire department (911) from a neighbor's. Remember, a fire grows quickly and you could become trapped.
4. Once everyone is out of the building, make sure they stay out.

You should not try to fight the fire until the first three steps have been completed. Also, if you cannot get within three to five feet of the fire, if it is more than five feet in height, or if it has spread beyond the point of origin, you should leave the area, closing the door behind you.

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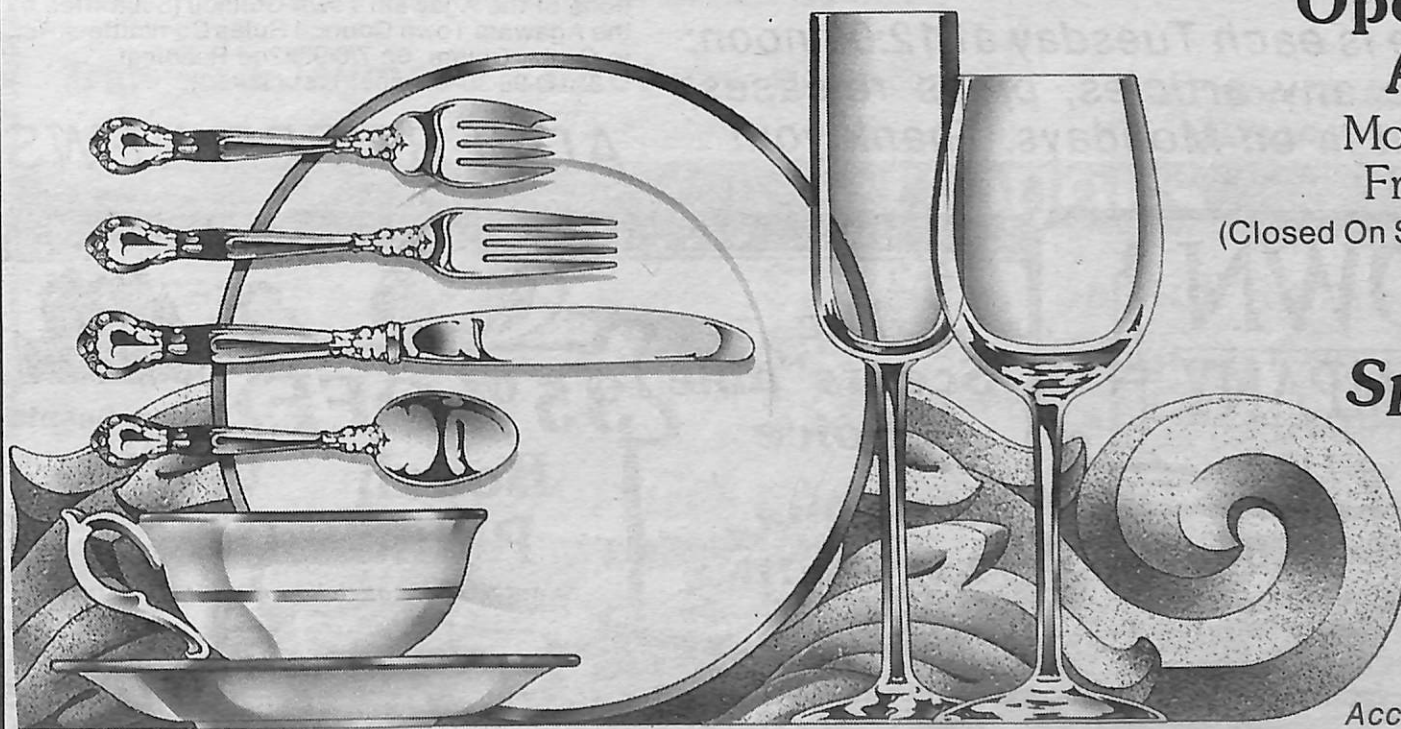
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Veterans' Corner...

The Federal Veterans' Benefit Act Of 1998 Will Help Vets!

by Ruth C. Bitzas
Veterans' Agent

As most veterans are aware, The Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1990 was devastating to veterans and dependents. Many benefits were either reduced or terminated.

The hardest hit were widows of veterans that lost their lives during wartime. These widows were entitled to Dependents Indemnity Compensation (DIC). They were entitled to the benefit as long as they did not remarry; if their second marriage ended, they could reapply for DIC based on their first husband's eligibility.

The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century becomes effective October 1, 1998, and one of the benefits is that the act allows surviving spouses of veterans who die from a service-connected disability to resume receiving assistance under the VA's Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) program if their subsequent remarriage ends, thus repealing the 1990 change in the law.

This change in the federal law will increase benefits by \$443 million over five years, and about 6,000 veterans' survivors will be eligible for the reinstatement of DIC benefits.

EDUCATION: Another change effective on October 1, 1998 will be an increase in the basic full-time chapter 30 G.I. Bill education rate by 20 percent from \$440 per month to \$518 per month.

The change will increase benefits by \$860 million over five years and will improve benefits for about 386,000 veterans and active-duty service

members during the first year. (More information on this will be provided next week.)

HONOR ROLL: Two weeks ago, a partial listing of WWII veterans whose last name begins with the letter "G" was missing. The following is a complete list of "G's," along with WWII names beginning with the letters "H" and "I."

The word is getting around about the Honor Roll, and we're receiving many inquiries (some from as far away as Georgia and Maine).

If your loved one lived in Agawam at the time of service entry during a wartime period, they could be eligible for the Honor Roll. Next week's column will contain important information on the State Veterans' Cemetery preregistration forms.

WWII HONOR ROLL - "G," "H," & "I"

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Freddy Giordano, Mario E. Giorgi, Annette G. Godek, Edward H. Godfrey, Arthur E. Goodwin, Elmer J. Goodhue, Harry W. Gordon, Edwin W. Goss, Donald R. Goss, Everet Goss, Frank M. Goss, Roger W. Gosselin, Ronald A. Gosselin, Vincent R. Gosselin, Edward J. Goyette, Charles G. Gracco, Daniel J. Grady, Jr., James P. Grady.

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Ellsworth Hawthorne, George C. Hawthorne, Milton L. Hawthorne, Ronald Hayden, Wallace J. Hayden, James J. Hayes, Borden W. Hayes, Russell E. Haynes, Robert J. Healy, Edmond Hermansky, Everett J. Hodge, Paul E. Holmes, Edward A. Hood, John Hopkins, Woodrow A. Humiston, Clifford B. Humiston, Wilbert J. Humphlett, Alvord C. Hutchinson, Roger F. Haynes, Carmino A. Iacovone.

(* Died while in service.)

ZBA Yet To Grant Drive-Thru Window Permit...

Planning Board Approves Site Plan For New CVS At Corner Of Suffield & Silver Streets

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Two weeks ago, the Planning Board gave a unanimous nod to the site plan for a new CVS store on the corner of Suffield and Silver Streets, but the Zoning Board of Appeals held off on granting a special permit for a drive-thru window at their meeting last Thursday night.

ZBA Chairman Ronald Hebert continued the public hearing so that board members can visit the site with CVS officials to discuss the location of the drive-thru window and address concerns that traffic backing up at the intersection will obstruct the view of motorists attempting to leave the parking lot by taking a lefthand turn onto Suffield Street.

ZBA member Larry Hoague said, "I'm concerned that locating the drive-thru at the rear of the building will have an impact on the neighbors. I'm suggesting putting the drive-thru on the Silver or Suffield Street side."

One resident attended the ZBA public hearing to express concern over adding to the traffic at a busy intersection.

CVS is seeking a special permit from the ZBA for a drive-thru window to be used only for prescriptions and health-related items on a call ahead basis, according to Springfield Attorney Robert Fratar.

Fratar said the company wants to be able to offer its customers the convenience of a drive-thru window, a service especially appreciated by the

elderly and by parents with young children.

An engineer from Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Jeffrey S. Pechulis said the traffic impact study performed for CVS showed the store will have minimal impacts that generally will not be noticeable at the Suffield/Silver Street intersection which currently operates with minimal delays at 80 percent of design capacity.

Pechulis said the store is expected to generate approximately 835 vehicle trips on weekdays and 975 vehicle trips on Saturdays. During a weekday peak hour, 100 vehicle trips are predicted; on Saturdays, the peak hour will bring 115 vehicle trips. A car entering and leaving the site is counted as two vehicle trips.

Representatives of Brookway Corporation, developers for CVS, told town planners their proposal to raze the former medical center building, construct a 9,450 square-foot store, and landscape their property with green space and tree plantings along Suffield and Silver Streets would add to the appeal of the site.

Town planners had few objections to the site plan beyond asking for more tree plantings. Many concerns usually raised by the board had already been addressed by the site plan as a result of preliminary meetings with the developers, according to director of Planning and Community Development Deborah S. Dachos.

Regular Council Meeting Agenda For Mon., August 3rd

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 7/6/98
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances
 - (a) Resolutions
 1. TR-98-25-A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept a Flow and Drainage Easement on a Parcel of Land Owned by Shirley Moccio Which is Located at 84 Ramah Circle North, Agawam, Hampden County, Mass. (Mayor)
7. Report of Council Committees
 - Comm. on Rules - Coun. Negrucchi
 - Comm. on Ordinances - Coun. Magovern
 - Comm. on Utilities - Coun. Caba
 - Comm. on Licenses - Coun. Bitzas
 - Comm. on St. Acceptance - Coun. Young
8. Elections
 - None.
9. Public Hearings
 - None.
10. Old Business
 - (a)
 1. TOR-98-4-PH-98-3-An Ordinance to amend the Code of the Town of Agawam, Ch. 180, in Order to regulate Adult Businesses in the Town of Agawam (City Council is Petitioner)(Ref. to Ordin. Comm. on 7/6/98)(3rd Reading).
 2. TOR-98-5-An Ordinance to Amend Art. II of Chapter 114 of the Code of the Town of Agawam Entitled Second Hand Motor Vehicles and to Delete Regulation No. 1 of the Rules and Regulations of the Agawam Town Council (Submitted by the Agawam Town Council Rules Committee)(Ref. to Ordin. Comm. on 7/6/98)(2nd Reading).
 3. TO-98-30-Voucher List (\$29.53).

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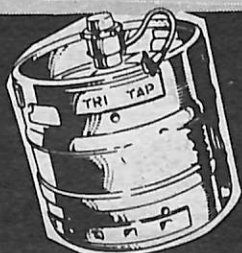
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— Agawam Obituaries —

Eugene A. Brown

Eugene A. Brown, 73, of 80 Shaine Circle, Springfield, and formerly of Feeding Hills, died at a local nursing home.

He worked at Bigelow Sanford in Thompsonville, Connecticut, for many years and as a custodian at the Agawam Junior High School, until retiring in 1984.

Born in Springfield, he was a long-time resident of Feeding Hills.

He attended Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

He leaves two daughters, Marcia Touchette of Southampton and Laura Laamanen of Leeds; three sisters, Irene Connor and Bernice Cignoli, both of Springfield, and Gloria Lascala of Feeding Hills; and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills.

Robert K. Strniste

Robert K. Strniste, 81, of 76 Monroe Street, Agawam, died in a local nursing home.

Born in Westfield, he lived in Agawam most of his life.

He had been a 40-year salesman for the Armour Company, retiring in 1991.

A 1936 graduate of Agawam High School, he played on their baseball, basketball, and football teams.

He was a World War II Marine Corps veteran and played football during the service on semi-pro teams.

He was a former member of both the American Legion Post 185 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was also a member of the Agawam Congregational Church.

His wife, the former Alice H. Patterson, died in 1992.

He leaves three sons, Robert C. of Suffield, Dr. Gary F. of Los Alamos, New Mexico, and Bruce M. of San Diego, California; a daughter, Cheryl J. Brewer of Cornelius, Oregon; three grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

A memorial service was held in the Agawam Congregational Church, and burial was at the convenience of the family. Agawam Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 53 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Susan M. Handel

Susan M. (Legalos) (White) Handel, 46, of 46 Erskine Drive, Longmeadow, died at home.

She was a dental hygienist for doctors in Greater Springfield and Hartford.

Born in West Springfield, she lived there and in Westfield for many years before moving to Longmeadow 24 years ago.

She was a graduate of Agawam High School, and received an associate degree in dental hygiene from Springfield Technical Community College in 1976.

She received a bachelor's degree in dental education from Central Connecticut State University in 1980, and was graduated as a registered nurse from Springfield Technical Community College in 1992.

She worshipped at St. Mary's Church.

She leaves her husband, Robert Handel; a son, Matthew White, and a daughter, Jaime White, of Longmeadow; a stepson, Kristofer Handel, and a stepdaughter, Jenny Handel, of Wolfeboro, New Hampshire; two brothers, Charles Legalos of South Hadley, and Robert Legalos of West Springfield; and her grandmother, Mary (Mancini) Smith of Feeding Hills.

The funeral was held at Forastiere-Smith Funeral Home of East Longmeadow, and the church. The burial was in Longmeadow Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pioneer Valley Visiting Nurse Association, 570 Cottage Street, P.O. Box 51947, Springfield, MA 01151-5947, the Ambulance Fund, Local 1903, 34 Williams Street, Longmeadow, MA 01106, or the American Cancer Society, 53 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Daniel M. Ballard

Daniel M. Ballard, 59, of Agawam and formerly of Hampden, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was a meat department manager for Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. Stores in Massachusetts and Connecticut for 40 years, and retired last year.

Born in Springfield, he was a Technical High School graduate, served in the Army National Guard, and belonged to Local 371 of the United Food Commercial Workers Union.

He leaves two sons, Daniel M. of Agawam, and Michael D. of Springfield; two daughters, Kelley A. Bourcier of Monson, and Kathleen M. Leone of Springfield; four sisters, Marguerite Ballard of California, Madeline McGovern and Jacqueline Ferioli of Springfield, and Theresa Huot of Fort Myers, Florida; a grandchild; and his former wife, Shirley A. (O'Connell) Ballard of Springfield.

The funeral was held at Sampson's Chapel of the Acres Funeral Home in Springfield, and St. Cecilia's Church in Wilbraham.

The burial was in St. Michael's Cemetery in Springfield.

Frank F. Kaminski

Frank F. Kaminski, 80, of Castle Hill Apartments, Agawam, died at the Olympus Health Care Center in Springfield.

He was an inspector for Westfield Gauge Co. for 12 years, and worked previously at Gilbert & Barker Co. of West Springfield for 25 years.

Born in Westfield, he lived in Russell for 40 years before moving to Agawam 11 years ago.

He was a former communicant of Our Lady of Rosary Church in Russell, and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6645 in Russell, and the Russell and Easthampton Beagle Clubs.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

He was predeceased by his first wife, the former Marion LaBree, in 1986.

He leaves his second wife, Marie (Humphreys) Murphy Kaminski; two sons, Frank A. of Palm Coast, Florida, and John M. of West Springfield; three grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

A memorial Mass was held in the church, with the burial at the convenience of the family, both in Russell.

Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Marie-Laure Remillard

Marie-Laure (Aube) Remillard, 65, of 90 LaBelle Street, West Springfield, died at Country Estates in Agawam.

She was a 10-year Carters Factory employee. Born in St. Neree, Quebec, Canada, she was a communicant of St. Louis de France Church, and a member of Les Dames de St. Anne.

She leaves her husband, Fernand of West Springfield; a daughter, Lisa Remillard of Springfield; two brothers, Leopold of St. Gervais, Quebec, and Edgar of St. Gervais, Quebec; four sisters, Alice Gagne of St. Louis de Pintendre, Quebec, Rita Asselin of St. Neree, Monique Braind of Sept Isles, Quebec, and Lucille Harris of Springfield; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home in Agawam, and the church, with the burial in St. Thomas Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 53 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Claire M. Provost

Claire M. (Daigle) Provost, 79, of Harvey Johnson Road, Agawam, died in a local nursing home.

She had worked at American Bosch, retiring in 1954.

Born in Agawam, she was a graduate of Cathedral High School in Springfield, and a communicant of St. Theresa's Church.

Her husband, Wallace H. Provost, died in 1993.

She leaves six sons, Wallace Jr. and Armand, both of Texas, James of California, Thomas of New Hampshire, Mark of Washington, and Matthew of Agawam; five daughters, Francine O'Connor of New York, Patricia Blatt of Boston, Linda Fountain of Chicopee, Marguerite Bridenbaker of Florida, and Jeannette Provost of Huntington; a brother, Bernard of Holyoke; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A memorial Mass was held in the church, and a private burial was scheduled at the convenience of the family in St. Thomas' Cemetery.

The Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements, and memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

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Town Officials Awaiting Environmental Testing Results... Leaky Oil Tank At Clark School Could Cost Agawam \$30,000 In Clean-Up Efforts

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

A leaky underground oil tank at James Clark School could end up costing the town \$30,000 in clean-up costs.

Town officials are awaiting the results of environmental testing to determine the extent of the oil leak and the costs associated with cleaning up the contaminated area, according to Building Maintenance Director Tony Albro.

Albro said there is no way to determine the extent of the leak or to predict an accurate estimate of the clean-up costs until the environmental testing has been completed sometime this week.

Environmental Compliance Services, Inc. has been hired to conduct the testing and the clean-up of the site.

The oil leak was discovered two weeks ago by construction workers who were digging up the tank as part of the \$19.6 million renovations and additions project ongoing at the four elementary schools and the high school. The oil tank, along with 10 other underground oil tanks, was being removed to be replaced with a new tank equipped with monitoring devices in a cement cellar, according to Mayor Christopher C. Johnson.

Johnson said preliminary estimates of the

clean-up costs range between \$20,000 and \$30,000, with funding to be provided by the \$980,000 contingency fund for the school renovations and additions project.

"This is why we have a contingency fund — to pay for unanticipated costs," Johnson said.

Johnson said the town had hoped to replace the 10 underground tanks without incident, but given the age of some of the tanks, the town is fortunate to have had only one leaky tank to deal with. Unless the tanks were leaking a large amount of oil, there was no way, short of pressure-testing the tanks, to determine if any leaks existed; and pressure-testing the tanks would not have discovered the tiny holes responsible for the leaks at Clark School, Johnson said.

In addition to excavating and replacing the soil contaminated by the leaky tank, the town will be required to dig monitoring wells to determine if the leak has also contaminated the groundwater.

Depending on the severity and extent of the oil leak, the town may be required to flush out contaminated wells or merely continue to monitor groundwater for contaminants, Johnson said.



KRISTINA HEBERT

Summer Intern At Melconian's District Office

Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced that Kristina Hebert has been chosen for a summer internship.

She started her job on July 13th, and she plans to continue working throughout July and part of August. During her first few hours at the office, Kristina found the District Office to be exciting as well as informative.

During her time at the Senator's District Office, Kristina will be working five days a week. In the office, she will speak with constituents who often stop in or call with their concerns. Kristina will also track legislation, input data entry, and work on the Linda J. Melconian sixth annual charity golf open to benefit the three battered women shelters of Hampden County. She is anxious to see what the following month in the District Office will entail.

"I happily welcome Kristina to my office. As a former intern myself, I strongly believe that this is a great opportunity for students to see first-hand how the political process works and to understand what constituent services are all about," stated Melconian.

Kristina is the daughter of Attorney Patricia Hebert of Westfield and Charles Hebert of Richmond, Kentucky. She is also from Westfield, and is currently a junior attending Westfield High School.

She is planning to attend either the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, or Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley upon graduation in the spring of 2000.

Kristina has an extended interest in law and she would like to pursue her goal to become a lawyer.

OBITUARIES - from Page 10...

Robert J. Shields

Robert J. Shields, 90, of 129 Elm Street, Agawam, died in Springfield's Mercy Hospital.

He was the owner of the former Shield Machine Works in Westfield.

He was previously a machinist-foreman at the former American Bosch Corp. and Kidder-Stacy Co.

Born in Boston, he was a long-time resident of Agawam.

He attended the Congregational Church, belonged to the Agawam Revolver Club, and was a past master and 50-year member of the Mount Orthodox Masonic Lodge.

His wife, Elizabeth F. Schaluck Shields, died in 1995.

He leaves a son, Robert A. of Decatur, Alabama; a daughter, Janet E. James of Agawam; a brother, Richard J. of Ludlow; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home, with the burial in Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the

Jewish Nursing Home, 770 Converse Street, Longmeadow, MA 01106, or the Agawam Revolver Club, 230 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Edmund J. Krovov

Edmund J. Krovov, 73, died at his home in Chicopee.

He was the owner-president of Kroval Jigbore Corp. of Agawam.

He was born and schooled in Springfield, lived in Chicopee for 50 years, and was a Navy veteran of World War II.

He leaves his wife of 52 years, Genevieve (Trella) Krovov; a son, Les-Jon of West Springfield; three daughters, Linda Craven and Valerie of Springfield, and Karen Stopa of Chicopee; a sister, Edwina Malachowski of San Diego, California; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and nephews and nieces.

The funeral and burial were in Fairview Cemetery, and Starzyk Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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In an effort to raise funds to purchase this helmet for our local fire department, the Agawam Junior Women's Club will be passing a collection boot at the concert held on the Veterans' Green on Wednesday, August 5th and Wednesday, August 19th.

There will also be a small table set up with information on this new equipment. Please bring your family to enjoy these wonderful free concerts and consider giving generously to this project. A price cannot be put on a life.

If you cannot attend these concerts but would like to donate to this effort, please mail your check made payable to the Agawam Helmet Fund to P.O. Box 332, Agawam, MA 01001. The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

13th Airborne Division Association To Hold 17th Annual Reunion

The 13th Airborne Division Association is searching for anyone who served with the 13th Airborne Division during World War II.

The Association will be holding its 17th annual reunion in St. Louis, Missouri, from September 9 through 13, 1998.

For information about the Association and the reunion, please contact: John R. Scott, Secretary, P.O. Box 1372, Shawnee Mission, KS, telephone (913) 722-1143.

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HAVING FUN AT A "beach party" held at Heritage Hall's North Building on July 24th: Kathy Newman, Bea Lovell, Irene Dorval, Peg Cadigan, and Lisa Parent. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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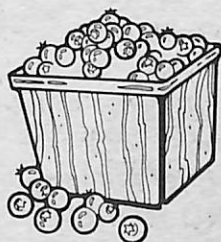
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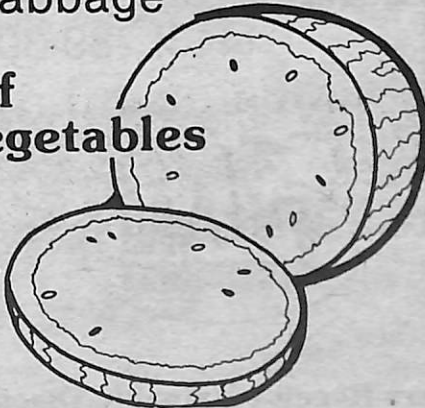
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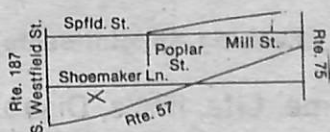
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An Evening Of Music At The Senior Center...



ON THURSDAY, JULY 9TH, the Musicorda Road Company performed a concert of classical music at the Agawam Senior Center. This performance was supported in part by a grant from the Agawam Cultural Council (a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council) and the Bay State Elevator Company. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Providence Ministries To Hold Fifth Annual Outdoor Craft Fair On Sunday, August 30th

Providence Ministries for the Needy, Inc. will be holding its fifth annual outdoor "Craft Fair" at the Knights of Columbus Council 4044 on Memorial Drive (Route 33) in Fairview on Sunday, August 30th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Not only will the fair exhibit a number of talented crafters from our area, but also many other events will be occurring throughout the day.

WMAS radio will be hosting the event and will be joined by the Beavers Club, which will be running a food booth. In addition, mouthwatering bak-

ed goods will be on hand for sale, many raffles will be conducted throughout the day, and games for the kids (along with an appearance by the K of C clowns) will be the order of the day.

So whether you are a crafter or a connoisseur of fine, individually crafted art, don't miss out on this extravaganza of events that will be held rain or shine!

For further details on the fair, or to obtain an application for participation, please call PMN at (413) 536-9109.

Public Invited To "Samboree" In West Springfield

Recreational vehicle owners from throughout North America will converge on West Springfield for the Good Sam Club's annual International Samboree, August 1st-5th, at the Eastern States Exposition (home of the BIG E).

Nearly 2,000 motorhomes, trailers, trucks, vans, and pop-up campers — 4,000 people in all — from every state and province are expected for the five-day-long event, which will offer daily seminars by RV-industry experts, tours to area attractions, and entertainment each evening.

Although the Samboree is a private event, Sunday, August 2nd, is "Public and Family Day." From 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., area residents — RV owners or not — are welcome to visit the facility, tour the huge indoor exhibit hall, see the new RVs on display, ask questions, and see what the RV lifestyle is all about. Admission is \$5 per person, and visitors must enter through Gate 9.

The Good Sam Club is the world's largest RV-owners organization with more than 900,000 members throughout North America. It is headquartered in Ventura, California.

For more information, contact Ron Epstein at (805) 667-4422.

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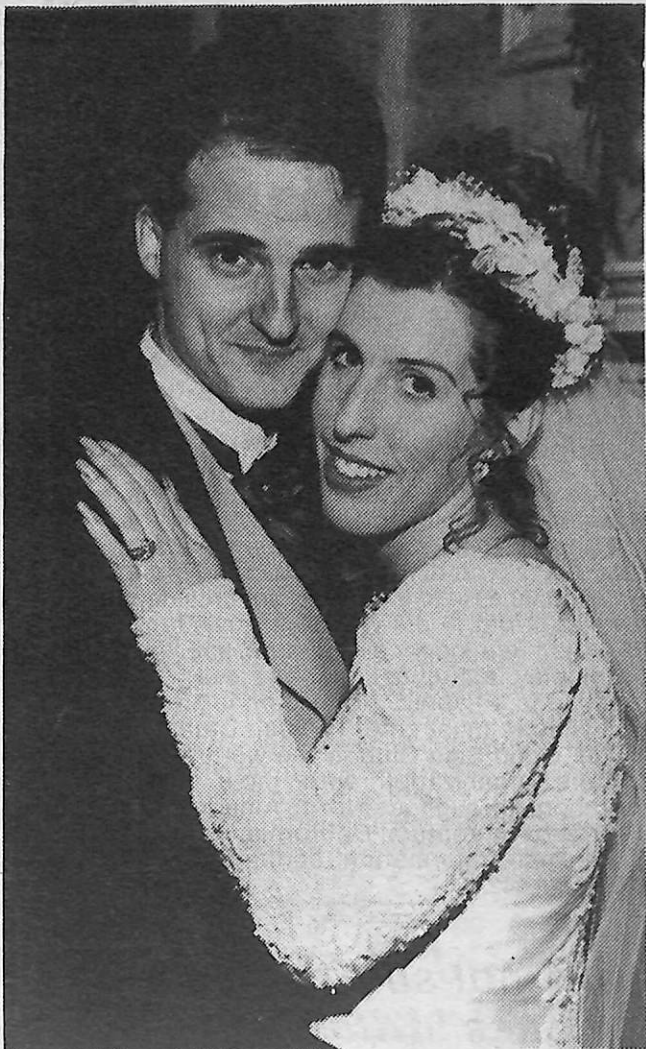
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Cynthia A. Ardolino Becomes Bride Of Robert F. Wojczyk, Jr.

Skinner Memorial Chapel in Holyoke was the setting for the April 25, 1998 wedding of Cynthia A. Ardolino and Robert F. Wojczyk, Jr.

Cynthia is the daughter of Richard and Darlene Ardolino of Feeding Hills. Robert is the son of Robert and Patricia Wojczyk of Easthampton, Mass.

Sallyann Condino-Kelly attended her cousin as matron of honor. Daryl Buley served the bridegroom as best man.

The bride's cousin, Jennifer Uschmann, and the groom's sister, Jennifer Alachniewicz, attended the bride as bridesmaids. The bride's brother, Ronald Ardolino, and the groom's brother-in-law, Todd Alachniewicz, served as groomsmen.

Cindy is a graduate of Agawam High School and Springfield Technical Community College. She is an assistant manager for Blockbuster Video in Longmeadow.

Rob is a graduate of Smith Vocational High School in Northampton and Springfield Technical Community College. He is a computer consultant at Information Systems Group Inc., West Springfield.

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Agawam High's Class Of 1973 To Hold 25th Reunion In November

It sure doesn't seem like 25 years have gone by! Agawam High School's Class of 1973 will be holding its 25th reunion on Friday, November 27, 1998, so save this date!

This gala event will be held at the elegant Log Cabin in Holyoke starting at 6:30 p.m. A wonderful evening is planned, including the well-known, eight-piece brass band, "Brass Attack," which will provide entertainment.

We are still trying to locate missing classmates. If you know anyone who has moved in the last five years or the whereabouts of the following classmates, please contact Susan Borgatti Meunier at 786-6669 or Steve Richter at 569-3214.

Sandy Adams, John Brame, Lorraine Brazeau, Tom Brunelle, Constance Buynicki, Kevin Cawley, Claudia Cunningham, Barbara Dubour, Tom Folger, Candace Gallucci, Nancy George, Rebecca Jones, Judy Lacroix, Wendy Merchant.

Also, David Montagna, Catherine Parent, Harold Martin, Jen Reynolds, Wendy Richards, Andrew Robbins, Don Schebel, Steve Skiba, William Saliba, Mark Scales, Richard Strawn, Frank Talbot, Ted Wislowski.

Anyone with class memorabilia or old photos, please contact Sue Meunier (786-6669). Thanks, and watch for your invitation.

Michelle A. Blanchard Engaged To Wed Rafael Vargas Quevedo

Sandra Evangelista of Raymond Circle, Agawam, and George Blanchard of River Street, West Springfield, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Ann Blanchard of Washington, D.C., to Rafael Vargas Quevedo of Bogota, Colombia.

Miss Blanchard graduated from Agawam High School, received her Bachelor's Degree from Manhattanville College, and her Master's Degree from Florida State University. She is the regional manager for Novum CRC, a clinical research company.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Universidad Libre in Bogota and is employed as an industrial engineer for Cibergenesis, Ltda.

A spring 1999 wedding is planned.

*Remember, our deadline is
each Tuesday at 12:00
noon; however, we ap-
preciate any articles, press
releases, etc., that can be
brought in on Mondays.
Thank you ... AAN!!!*

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MR. & MRS. KEITH D. SMITH

Mr. & Mrs. Keith D. Smith Celebrate 40th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Keith D. Smith of Feeding Hills recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. A surprise dinner party was held at the same place their wedding reception was held 40 years ago, the Italian Sporting Club in Agawam, given by their children.

The couple was married on April 12, 1958 at Mount Carmel Church in Springfield. They are the parents of Keith and Laura of Feeding Hills and Gregg and Lynn Robinson of Feeding Hills. They also have four grandchildren; Justin, Dylan, Alyssa, and Alexa.

To help celebrate this occasion, most of the wedding party was in attendance and Joyce's dad, Armondo Della Giustina and Keith's mother, Reta Smith, were also there.

Mr. Smith worked for W.J. Foss Co. for 20 years and now is employed by E.S. Sports of Holyoke and Bolduc Trophy's of West Springfield.

Mrs. Smith has worked for Bolduc Trophy's of West Springfield for over 15 years.

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TIMOTHY LUCAS PORTWOOD

Portwood Family Announces Birth Of Son, Timothy Lucas

Romulus, Jr. and Nicole Portwood of Castro Valley, California are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Timothy Lucas Portwood, born July 5, 1998 at 2:18 p.m.

Timothy weighed six pounds, eight ounces and was 19½ inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Robert and Louise Marsh of Feeding Hills.

Paternal grandparents are Romulus and Tad Portwood of Berkeley, California.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, August 3rd: Apple juice, stuffed shells with extra sauce, broccoli, Vienna rolls, fresh peaches.

Tuesday, August 4th: Cold plate (sliced turkey & cheese, lettuce, tomato, & cucumber), potato salad, multi-grain rolls, rice pudding.

Wednesday, August 5th: Meatloaf with gravy, baked potatoes, tomato & cucumber salad, rudi roll, jello with fruit.

Thursday, August 6th: Escarole soup, pizza with cheese, pepperoni, & hamburger, tossed salad, mixed fruit.

Friday, August 7th: Grape juice, baked macaroni & cheese, stewed tomatoes, rye bread, plums.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

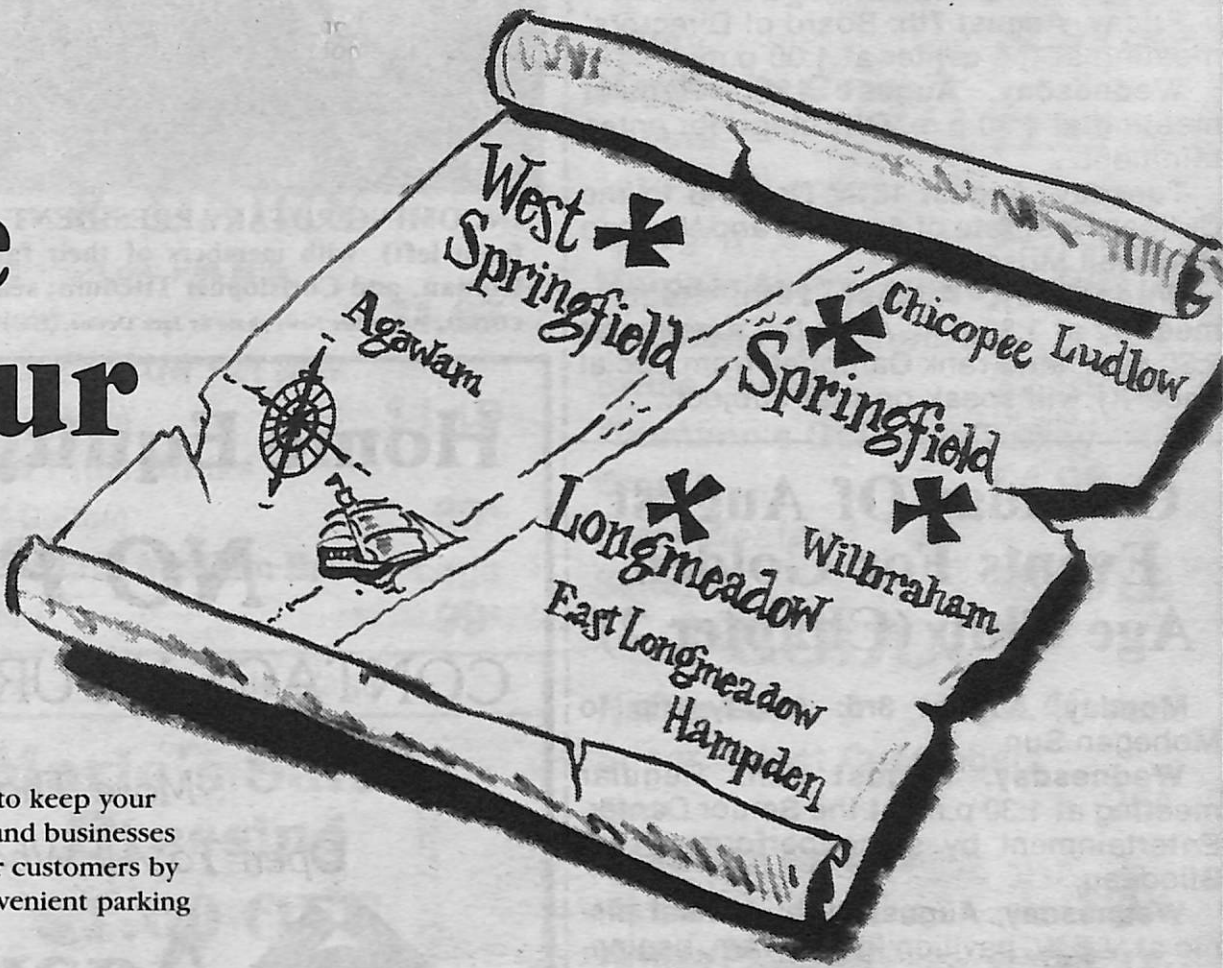
AHS's Class Of 1978 To Hold 20th Reunion

The Agawam High School Class of 1978 will be holding its 20-year class reunion on Saturday, November 28, 1998 at the Tekoa Country Club in Westfield.

Details will be sent out at a later date. If you have moved in the last five years or know of anyone who has, please let us know. We need to update our mailing list.

We are also looking for anyone who has any memorabilia from our class in 1978. Please drop a note to Shelley (Borgatti) Reed, 10 Shelley Lane, Feeding Hills, MA or call Lisa (Kamyk) Johnson at (413) 789-2335.

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Agawam Rotary's New President And Officers...



OUTGOING ROTARY PRESIDENT Tim Ayre (left) congratulates incoming President Charles Heyl. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE NEWLY-ELECTED OFFICERS of the Agawam Rotary Club: standing - Al Canary, Jack Walsh, Charles Heyl (President), and Tim Ayre; seated - Curt Fuller, Darilynn Nardi, and Linda Northup Vitro. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Golden Age Club's (Chapter 1) Events Calendar For August

Wednesday, August 5th: Day trip to the Saratoga races.

Friday, August 7th: Board of Directors' meeting at the center at 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 12th: Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. Gift bingo for entertainment.

Tuesday, August 18th: Day trip to the Culinary Institute of America and Norman Rockwell Museum.

Wednesday, August 26th: Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. After the meeting at 2:30 p.m., Mr. Frank Campbell from Social Security will speak on that subject.

Calendar Of August Events For Golden Age Club (Chapter 2)

Monday, August 3rd: A day trip to Mohegan Sun.

Wednesday, August 5th: Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Entertainment by singer/performer Tom Bilodeau.

Wednesday, August 19th: Annual picnic at V.F.W. pavilion in Agawam, beginning at 12:00 noon.

Thursday, August 20th: A mystery bus trip to ????. Featuring a complete lobster or half-chicken luncheon, followed by an afternoon show of New Comedy & Song. (There will be no Board of Directors' meeting in August.)

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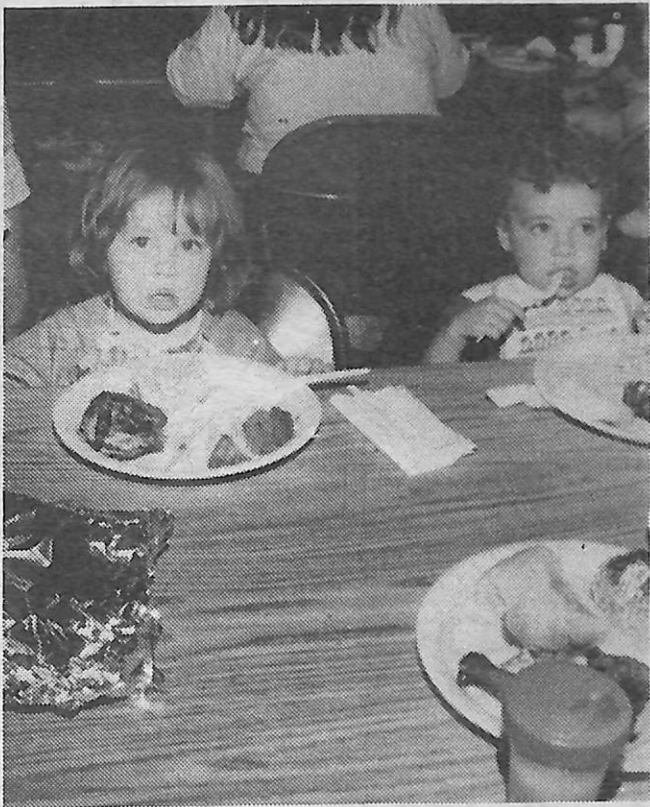
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St. Theresa's & St. Anthony's Enjoy Summer Picnic



IN PHOTO ABOVE: Young picnickers Jacqueline Whelan and Nicholas Bona. IN PHOTO BELOW: Jackie Reynolds and Larry Viens (picnic chairperson) with a "cuddly" friend. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



IN LATE JUNE, parishioners from St. Theresa's and St. Anthony's enjoyed a picnic at the Polish Club. Enjoying the summertime fare are Amanda Hamel, Sarah Hamel, Blanche Depalo, and Vito Depalo. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



LARRY VIENS (far left), chairperson of the picnic, poses with some of the parishioners who volunteered their time for "kitchen duty" at the Polish Club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Church News - continued...**News And Notes
From Feeding Hills
Congregational**

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Summer worship hour begins at 9:15 a.m. and will include a Service of Holy Communion. The lectionary readings for this Sunday, the ninth Sunday after Pentacost, are Hosea 11:1-11, Psalm 107:1-9, 43, Colossians 3:1-11, and Luke 12:13-21.

The Lector will be Diane Fiejdasz. Rev. Donaldson's sermon title is "The Spirit In Each of Us." Children are welcome to attend worship with their parents; nursery care will be provided for the very young.

Welcome back to our very own "Away Team": Rev. Donaldson, Debbie Donaldson, Doug Donaldson, Rick Kretschmar, and Sue Strycharz. These are members of our congregation who traveled with Rev. Tom Howells and Rev. Ruth Brandon to Georgia to help rebuild a church which was destroyed by an arsonist. The team expected to work on one building, but ended up traveling to several places to add the finishing touches to many churches.

Vacation Bible School will take place here on two Sundays in August. Sessions will be held this Sunday, August 2nd and again on August 16th from 9:15 a.m. until noon. Please feel free to attend, even if you have not signed up.

There are also many ways that adults or older children can help. Please speak to a member of the Board of Christian Education or use the posted sign-up sheet in Griswold Hall if you are interested in helping with or attending VBS for the next session on August 16th.

There will be a car wash here at the church on Saturday, August 1st from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Come and give your car a summer bath. If it's really hot out and you are a good tipper, you may even get yourself a shower!

After you've gotten your car washed, stick around for the quilting social from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. The quilters will be able to enjoy a new room with lots of windows for natural lighting and fans to keep them cool!

On the calendar:

Thursday, July 30th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Saturday, August 1st: 9:00 a.m., Car Wash; 1:00 p.m., Quilting Social.

Sunday, August 2nd: 9:15 a.m., Service of Holy Communion; 9:15 a.m.-12:00 noon, Vacation Bible School.

Monday, August 3rd: 7:30 p.m., Council.

Tuesday, August 4th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Thursday, August 6th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Summer "Campers" At St. John's Church...

YOUNGSTERS FROM St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam (pictured above and below) recently enjoyed themselves at the church's summer Bible camp, "Growing In God's Word." Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

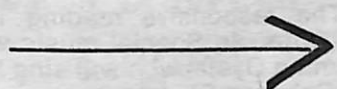
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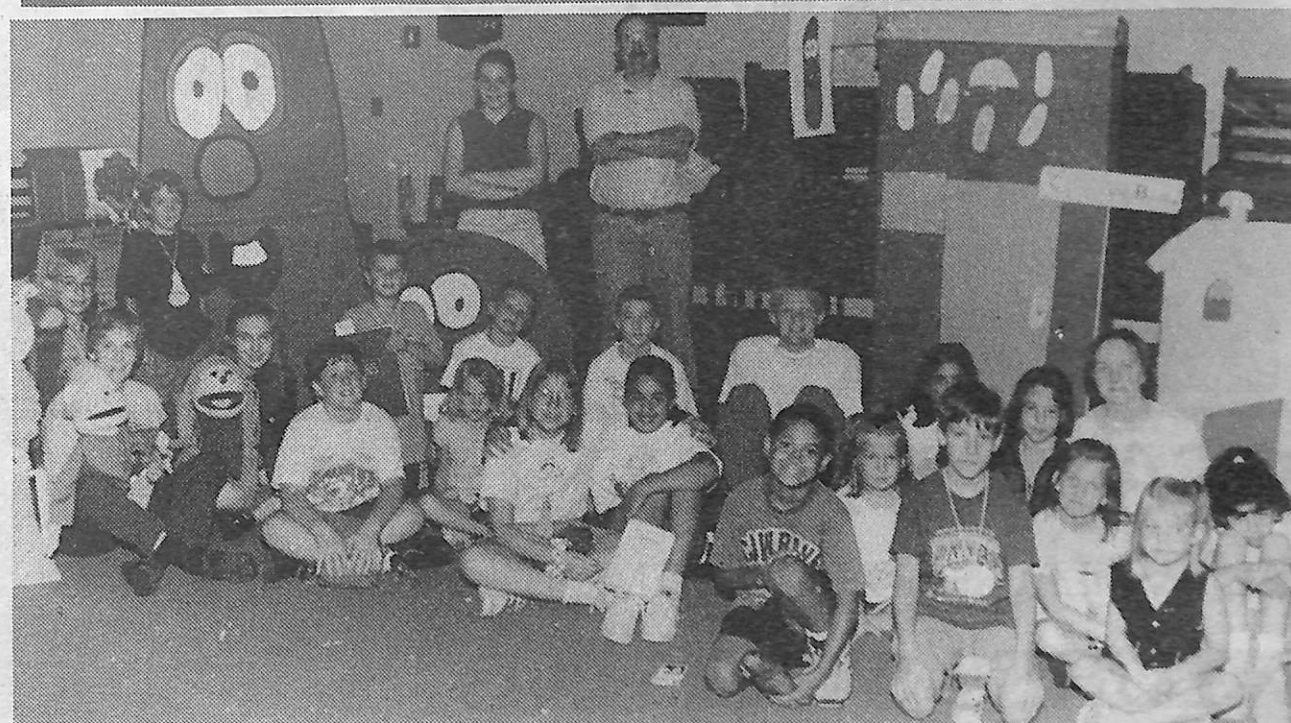
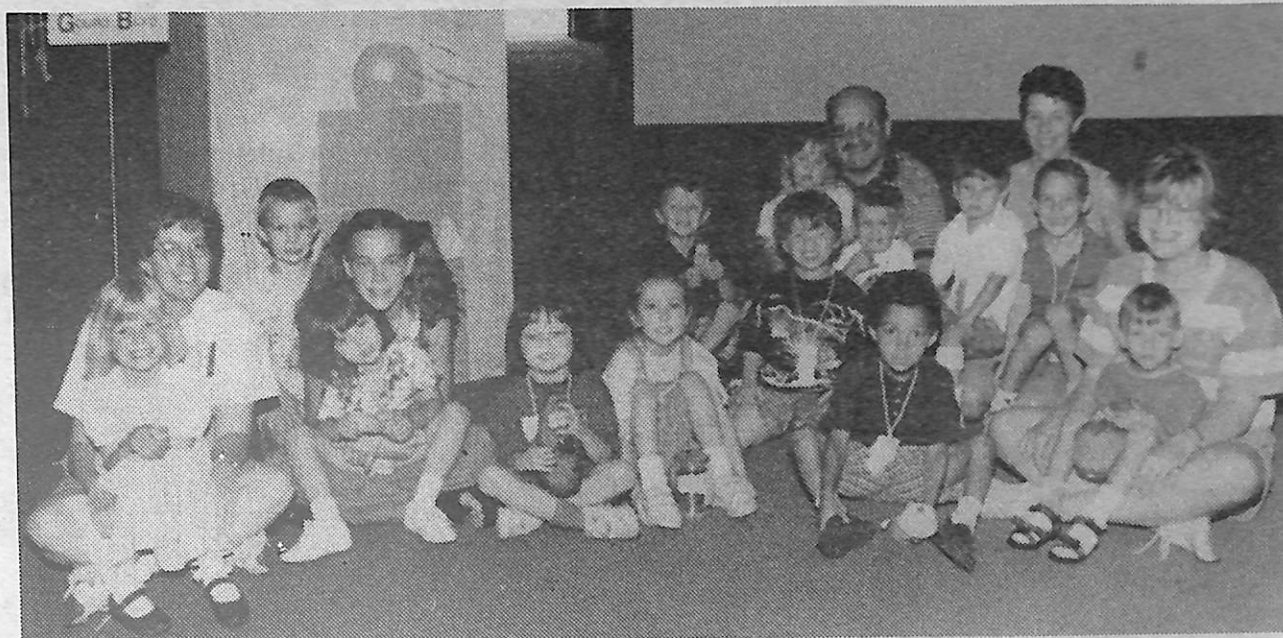
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PARTICIPANTS IN St. David's Vacation Bible School (pictured above and below) experienced "Veggie Town Values," which was the theme for this summer's Bible School. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



St. David's Church Holds Vacation Bible School

What do you do when you're all alone and feelin' kind of blue (and mopey!)? You can go to Veggie Town! ... and that's just what local youth did in early July.

St. David's Church in Feeding Hills was the site for the recently held Veggie Town Values — the summer theme for their Vacation Bible School.

The church was transformed into Veggie Town, a community much like Agawam, complete with a Town Square where everyone met to begin the day with Bob the Tomato and Larry the Cucumber (those great Veggie Tale characters, eager to share the gospel message!).

Veggie Town Values — Building Citizens for God's Community is based on Ephesians 2:19-22 which encourages everyone to be fellow citizens with God's people.

The passage emphasizes that Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of our faith experience and what we value. Daily themes included accepting others, overcoming fear, doing what is right, forgiving others, and serving others.

Through bible lessons, songs, crafts, snacks, and recreation, kids learned to build Christian values and how to apply God's word to their daily lives.

As an outreach to the community and the world, youth collected food items for donation to the Open Pantry and contributed to the support of our church Mexico Mission Team.

Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, August 2nd, is Communion Sunday. The Worship Service continues at 9:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

The Rev. Allen Tinkham, the former Associate Conference Minister of Connecticut, will be the guest minister for this Sunday. Rev Tinkham's Communion Meditation will be: "What Really Matters!" taken from Text: Luke 12:13-21.

The Adult Education Classes will continue each Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. in the air-conditioned church office, following the Worship Service. All are welcome to attend these classes.

The Summer Church School curriculum for church school ages pre-school through sixth grade continues. The program curriculum, "The Whole People of God," will be held downstairs each Sunday following the Children's Message, where there will be one class for all the children attending.

This program will run through the summer months. This week's class will be led by Neal Ellsworth.

The Open Pantry item for this Sunday is soup. Items collected will be donated to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

A baseball trip has been planned for Monday, August 24th, to see the New Britain Rock Cats vs the Trenton Red Sox. The grand slam family four-pack is available that night and includes four tickets, four hot dogs, four fountain sodas, and four boxes of popcorn for only \$29.

The prepaid deadline is August 10th. We will carpool to the game. Contact Bill Martin, Dan Pender, or Rev. Curt Fuller at the church office, 786-7111, for more information.

Communion Sunday At First Baptist

Communion will be celebrated this Sunday morning at the 9:30 a.m. service of worship at the First Baptist Church.

"The Truly Chosen Ones?" will be the topic of Pastor Richard Barnes' sermon. He will use Philippians 1:12-18 as his scriptural text for his message.

The responsive reading leader will be Ray Williams, Jr. Special music will be presented by Carmen Oyola, who will sing "Speak to Me, Lord" by Rebecca St. James.

Greeters for the morning will include Edwin & Phyllis Damon and Nancy Strole.

Children's church will begin at 10:00 a.m. with stories and crafts relating to the Old Testament. Activities are geared to kindergarten through third grade ages. Nursery care is also provided.

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Where Is Your Heart?

Towards the end of an illustrious career as the leader of Israel, Joshua, who had succeeded Moses, called his nation together to review their history and to preview their future.

Joshua recounted for them the many ways in which God had blessed their nation. He recalled that the nation of Israel began with one man, Abraham, from whom the Tribes of Israel came forth. Joshua reminded Israel of its humble origins; that they had once been slaves in Egypt.

He then reminisced with Israel about God's mighty act of redemption, when He delivered the people of Israel out of the hand of Pharaoh and led them to the promised land.

Joshua urged his nation to follow God forever. He called upon the people of Israel to decide if they wanted to live in the kingdom of this world or the kingdom of God. **"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve Him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."**

The challenge Joshua presented to his nation also faces each of us. We must also choose whom we shall serve. Jesus said, **"No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."** Like it or not, we must choose between two kingdoms.

The choice should not be that difficult, especially if we are properly informed. One of the most successful people who ever lived was King Solomon. Having ascended to Israel's throne after his father, King David, Solomon reigned during Israel's most prosperous times. Solomon himself was fabulously wealthy. He had the time as well as the inclination to acquire enormous wisdom. He was somewhat like our own Theodore Roosevelt, who studied nature and wrote numerous books on it and other topics. We can learn a lot from King Solomon.

In Ecclesiastes, Solomon wrote: **"I, the teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after the wind."**

Solomon began a quest for wisdom, and did not deny himself anything in the process. **"Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them; I kept my heart from no pleasure."** Solomon had it all, yet he found it was meaningless to him. **"Then I considered all that my hands had done and all the toil I had spent in doing it, and again, all was vanity and a chasing after the wind, and there was nothing new under the sun."** The wealthiest man of his era eventually summed up his quest with this observation: **"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge."**

Many years after King Solomon, Jesus warned us: **"Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions."** Jesus then went on to tell a story about a prosperous farmer who thought his life did consist in the abundance of his possessions.

"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be required of you. And all the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God." Jesus also said, **"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."**

Nocturnal Adoration Society To Meet On Fri., August 7th

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Saint Theresa's Church in Agawam to conduct and pray the Office of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, August 7th, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.

Parish News & Events From St. John's Church

PARISH PICNIC — AUGUST 30TH

Time to mark your calendars for our annual Parish Picnic at the VFW grounds on the last Sunday of August.

Rudy Altobelli and Mariann Green will co-chair this year's event. There will be a meeting of the Planning Committee on Tuesday evening, July 21st, at 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center.

If you have any suggestions for the 1998 Picnic, please let them know or call the Rectory. We hope this will be a good family celebration, blending generations of old and young to have fun together.

OVER-60 CLUB

The Club's trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, includes four shows: "Holiday Treasures," "Noah" at the Millelith Theatre, "Holiday Time" at the Living Waters, and "Jacob's Choice" at the Amish Experience Theatre, plus admission to Gettysburg, the Electric Map, and the Eisenhower

Applications Being Taken For Sacred Heart's Tag Sale

Applications are now being accepted from craftspeople or those interested in having a tag sale for the Annual Tag/Craft Sale held in the parking lot of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

The sale will be on Saturday, September 12th from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

For more information and an application, call 786-4966.

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Cost will be \$370/person, double occupancy. If interested, call Barbara, 786-7037, or Lil, 786-9586, and get your name on the list.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

CCD Registration for 1998-99: Come to the Parish Office during business hours. All registrations should be in by **September 1st** so the program can get off to a smooth start. *But the earlier the better.*

Child safety has led to a **New Schedule** for classes:

Grades 1-4 — **Saturday** morning, 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. (same).

Grades 5-7 — **Tuesday** evening, 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

Grades 8-10 — **Monday** evening, 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

Confirmation, Grade 11 — **Monday** evenings, 7:30 p.m.

St. Thomas Church Seeks Crafters For Holiday Craft Fair

The Women's Club of St. Thomas Church, Westfield St. (Route 20), West Springfield is accepting applications from crafters interested in participating in its sixth annual Holiday Craft Fair to be held Saturday, November 7th from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

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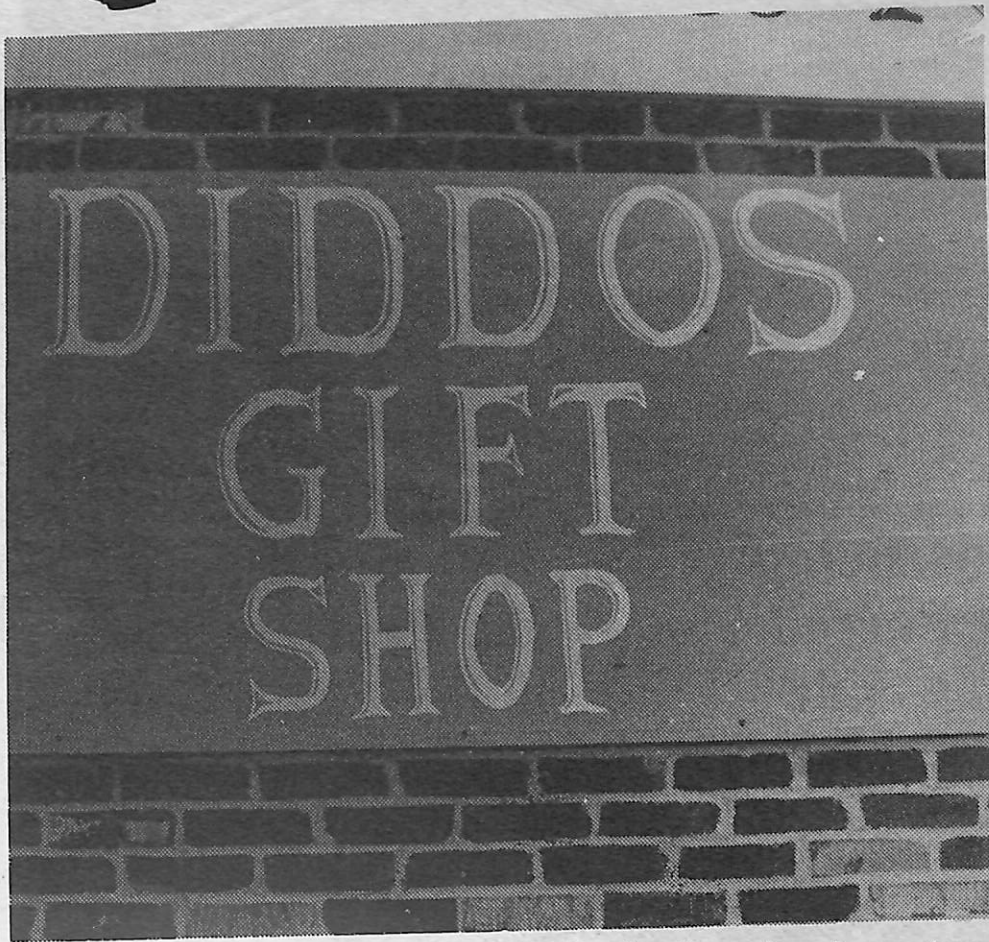
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IN LEFT PHOTO: The sign welcoming customers to Diddos Gift Shop, located at 289 Springfield Street, Agawam (O'Brien's Corner). IN RIGHT PHOTO: An interior view of the shop. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

“Diddos” Opens At O'Brien's Corner

Diddos Gift Shop opened recently at 289 Springfield Street in Agawam. Conveniently located at O'Brien's Corner, the gift shop offers a wide variety of items. Many local residents have also placed items in the store for sale.

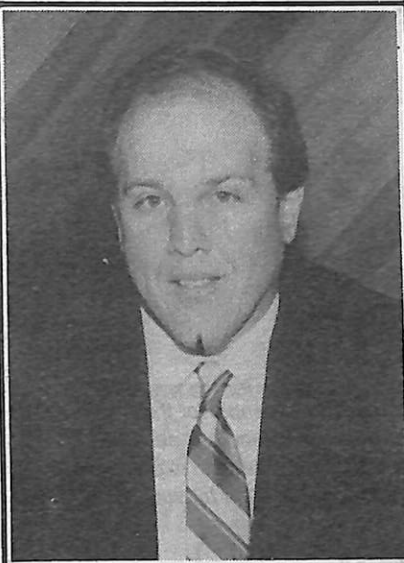
Offering spun glass, porcelain figurines, Oriental sculptures, music boxes, inspirational decor, decorative masks, jewelry, and sports collectibles (to name a few), there is something for everyone and every occasion, including weddings and showers which are very popular this time of year.

If you can't find an item to your liking in stock, you may also browse through the 225-page catalog with over 3,500 items and place an order. Currently, there is a Beanie Baby raffle taking

place, with a portion of the proceeds going to benefit Concerned Citizens for Animals. For senior citizens, if you shop on Thursdays, you can receive an additional 15 percent off regular-priced, in-stock items.

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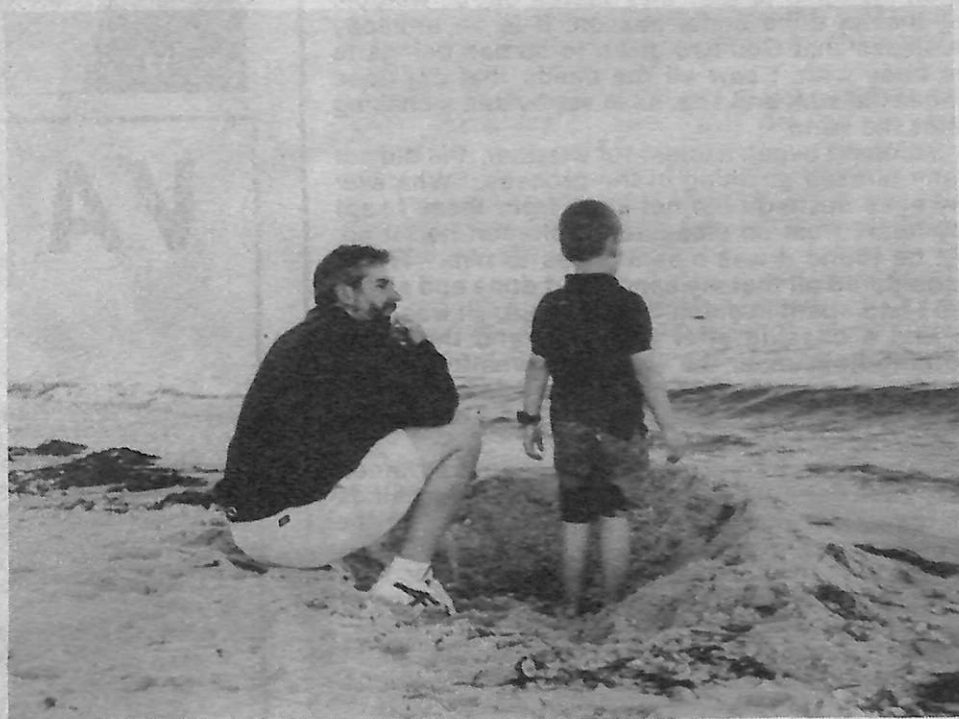
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Planning A Trip To Walt Disney World?

Are you in the middle of planning a trip to Walt Disney World and totally confused about all the choices? Before you pick up the phone and start booking yourself into about 10 different hotels at 10 different prices, read the following suggestions to help make your vacation planning enjoyable.

1. See a Travel Agent! They can provide valuable up-to-date information.

2. Decide ahead of time if you are going to drive, fly, or take Amtrak. This should be the first question you ask yourself.

3. How many hotel nights do you want to stay? Are you only going to Walt Disney World or will you be touring around Florida? Many packages will allow for hotel stays in more than one city.

4. On-site or off-site? Do you want to stay in a WDW-owned property on premises or would you like a hotel located outside of the parks? Cost can vary considerably with off-site hotels. Disney-owned hotel prices stay pretty much the same throughout the year. They just sell out quickly and must be booked early.

5. Car rental or airport transfers? If you decide on a car rental for your stay, you must be at least

25 years-old with a major credit card and a clean driving record. Some car rental companies will rent to younger drivers (21) for an additional fee. Mears Transportation offers very convenient airport-to-hotel transfers for approximately \$25 per person (round-trip).

6. Walt Disney World admission tickets? You pay for them now or later. Passes can be included in your package or they can be purchased when you arrive at your hotel. If you are only going to visit maybe one or two parks, I would suggest a day pass. For those staying on-site, Disney offers an unlimited magic pass for easy access to all attractions. Other types of passes can be purchased in your package such as a four-, five-, six-, or seven-day, all-in-one hopper pass. This is where things can become confusing. Think about how many days you will be going to WDW. Why purchase more than you really need? Tell your travel agent what you plan on doing and they will offer some advice.

7. Plan your trip early. If you are flying, the weekend flights fill up first and there are only four to five non-stops per day to choose from. Many airlines offer additional connecting service to Orlando. Most of the Walt Disney World packages can be booked about 10 months ahead of time. For a small deposit, this will hold your price and flights. Prepayment on the balance is about 45 days prior to your arrival at Disney.

My best advice is to sit down with your Travel Agent and ask questions. If you have access to the Internet, spend some time and get information on your own. The more you know about Walt Disney World, the easier it will be for you to decide on how and when you want to visit it.

I just wanted to thank you, Walter, for your request. Your information will be coming shortly.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding travel, you can write to Lori Keeley, Travel Connections, LTC, 10 Chestnut Street, West Springfield, MA 01089. Thanks for reading *The Agawam Advertiser News*.

**COMMON SENSE**

with

Raymond Rose**THE PIONEER GROUP****How To Figure If You Are Carrying Too Much Debt**

Every family should have a solid understanding of its own tolerance for consumer debt. You do so by limiting debt to a fixed percentage of your household's disposable income ... that is, monthly take-home pay minus taxes and other deductions.

Depending on the stability of your family's income, your stage of life, and your cash on hand, this ratio of installments to income should be held to a cautious 10 percent, though for most families, it's typically 15 percent to 20 percent.

The top of the range gets very risky unless you have exceptionally strong job security and lots of life, health and disability income insurance. If your borrowing costs exceed 20 percent of after-tax income, you are entering the danger zone.

Gauging the amount of debt you can handle and how close you are to your personal debt limit is a simple process...

1. **Add up all of your debt payments.** These are the monthly installments you pay on car loans, credit cards, charge accounts, student loans, home-equity loans, and all other non-mortgage and non-business debts.

2. **Figure out your monthly take-home pay.** Get your latest pay stub and multiply the net income amount by the number of pay periods in the year and divide the result by 12 (do not include bonuses, since you can't depend on them). Unless you are living on investment income, exclude your dividends, interest, and capital gains, too.

3. **Now you can calculate your debt limit.** Multiply your take-home pay by 10 percent if you live on a fixed income, have recently changed jobs or are the only person in your household who is

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Topics to be discussed include the various government federal loan programs that are currently available to first-time and move-up home buyers; understanding points and closing costs, and how to minimize these fees; understanding seller contributions; the difference between a bank and a mortgage company, and which one offers the better value; and much more.

The information contained in this seminar may save today's first-time and move-up buyers thousands of dollars.

Speakers at the workshop include Donald Thompson, a Principal of **The PIONEER GROUP**, and Raymond Rose, a retired mortgage banker.

The workshop is free of charge and reservations are suggested (their last seminar was filled to capacity). For more information, please listen to the recorded info message at 846-0981, and for reservations, please dial 731-6800.

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earning an income. Multiply by 20 percent if your household has two incomes and you are spending a lot to furnish a house. Do the same if you have enough cash on hand to cover three months of living expenses in an emergency. Multiply by 15 percent if you seem to fall in between those two outlines.

4. **Determine your additional borrowing power.** If your debt limit in Step 3 exceeds your current debt payments in Step 1, then the difference is the extra carrying charges you can afford on new debt. If there's a deficit, borrow no more.

Controlling your personal debt is a critical part of personal money management. Over the next several weeks, I will be reviewing several strategies in this column that you can utilize to help you in this important area.

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Consumer Protection Sale Of Used Car - Prior Accident

In a recent court decision, a judge ruled where a defendant auto dealer failed to disclose to a plaintiff used car buyer that the vehicle she was buying had once been in an accident and had frame damage, this amounted to a violation of Mass. Gen. Laws Chapter 93A, Regulation of Business Practices for Consumer Protection.

This Consumer Protection Act outlaws "unfair and deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce" and gives to both consumers and businessmen private rights of action against "persons" who commit such unlawful acts.

Accordingly, when a person uses or employs an unfair or deceptive practice while engaged in the ordinary course of his business, the Attorney General or a victimized consumer can bring proceedings under the Act to enjoin the practice or recover damages or other suitable relief.

The court also found that the defendant also breached the express warranty of merchantability by informing the plaintiff falsely that the vehicle in question had no frame damage and by assuring her that there was nothing wrong with the car.

Express warranties can be either oral or written, and is any affirmation of fact or promise which relates to the goods and becomes part of the basis of the bargain.

Lastly, the court found that the defendant breached the implied warranty of merchantability by selling the plaintiff a vehicle which, with its misaligned headlights and bent frame, was not fit for the ordinary purposes for which a car is used.

Implied warranties arise by operation of law, not by agreement of the parties. The basis purpose of the law of implied warranty is to protect the buyer from bearing the burden of loss where merchandise, though not violating an expressly agreed promise, does not conform to normal commercial standards or meet the buyer's particular purpose.

Having reached such conclusions, the court awarded the plaintiff triple damages exceeding \$21,000.00 and will further grant her attorney's fees.

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Is House Location Important?

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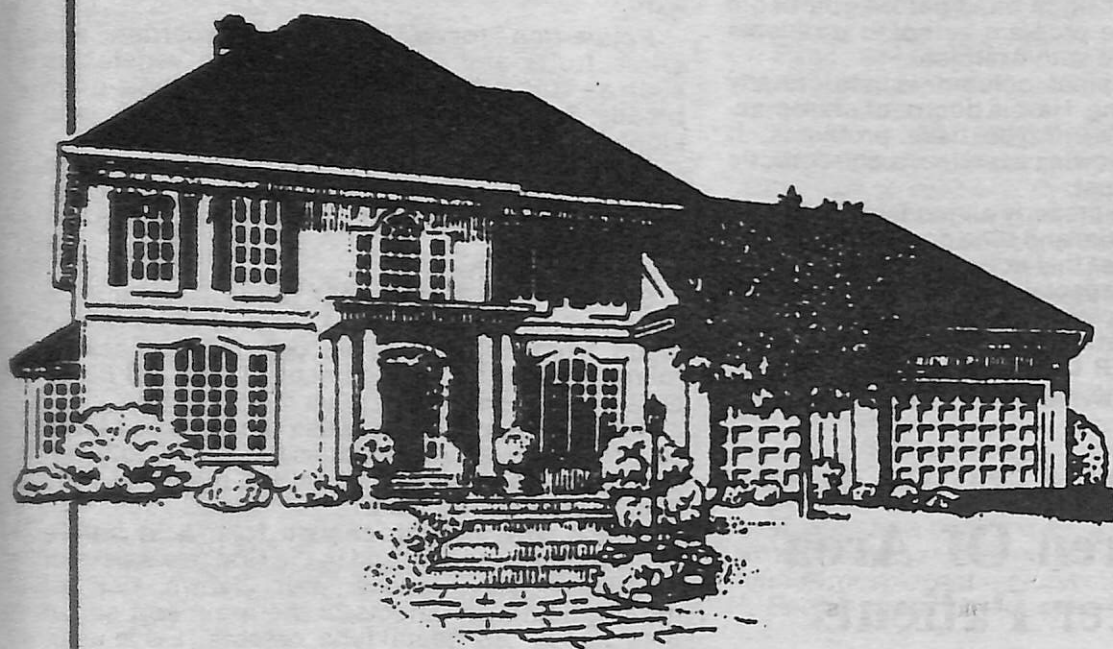


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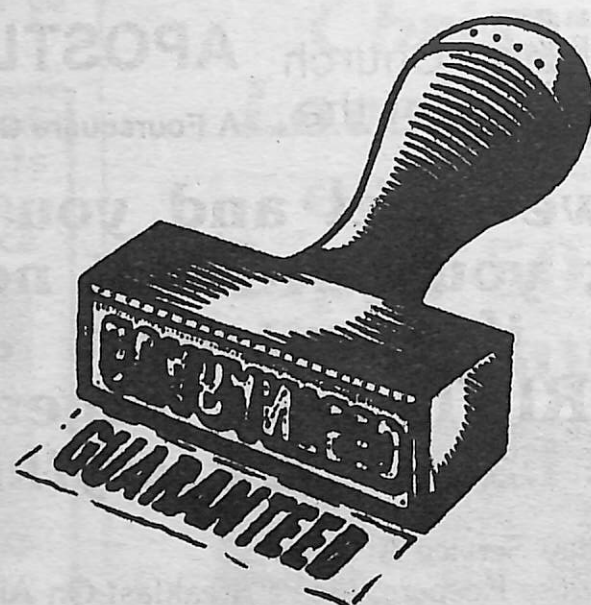
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Get Into The "Swim" Of Things...

While working with patients who have spine-related problems, I am often asked about appropriate exercises that can be done to help their problem.

Take advantage of the summer season and do as much swimming as you possibly can. This form of exercise ranks as "number one" when it comes to overall conditioning.

A considerable portion of our lives is spent in the upright position during work and play. Gravity constantly pulls us toward the earth.

The force of gravity is powerful and takes its toll on all of us. Most of us know that we are actually taller in the morning than in the evening. That's because gravity compresses our skeletal systems and the discs of the spine throughout the day.

Have you ever seen someone who is permanently hunched or stooped over due to years of hard physical labor, lifting, and/or bending? The "wearing out" effect is more prevalent in the lower back, hips, knees, and feet. It is quite visible on x-ray.

So what can you do about the law of gravity? You'll never change the law of gravity, so why not make us of another law.

The power of a fluid to exert an upward force on a body placed in it is defined as buoyancy. The stress and strain to the joints of the body during exercise in water are greatly reduced by this characteristic.

It is no wonder that so many doctors of chiropractic recommend a water exercise problem as part of a recovery process in patients with back problems.

What a wonderful, natural way to combat osteoporosis — swim regularly! This applies to people of all ages.

What? You can't swim? That's OK; use the shallow end of the pool and do your aerobic workout standing in waist-deep water. What a workout and fun, too!

When you have a spinal problem (whether the neck, midback, or lower back is involved), it is wise to keep one thing in mind before you begin your water exercise program — spine problems often become worse with exercise!

Be sure your spinal column is structurally sound before starting. Have a doctor of chiropractic check your spine if you have problems. If symptoms arise following exercise, a chiropractic examination is a must.

Once the spine is properly aligned, my advice is to find a place to swim and then do so on a regular basis. You can't beat this activity for overall muscle conditioning, especially those that surround and support your spine.

A spinal examination may be obtained by calling the **SCHLAFER CHIROPRACTIC OFFICE** at 192 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, 789-1369.



Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

A Recipe For Wellness: Folate-Rich Fruits & Vegetables

What Is Folate?

Folate is one of several B vitamins found in foods. It is vital for making new, healthy body cells.

Folate-rich foods include strawberries and citrus fruits and juices; leafy green vegetables such as spinach and romaine lettuce; whole-grain breads, rolls, and crackers; and pinto, navy, and kidney beans.

Folic acid, a man-made form of folate, is found in fortified grain foods like bread, rolls, flour, cornmeal, rice, pasta, and ready-to-eat breakfast cereals.

Folate For Health

Studies have shown that folate is critical to maintaining good health. A form of anemia can result from not getting enough folate. Lack of folate affects the development of new red blood cells so they cannot carry as much oxygen.

If you are a woman between the ages of 14 and 50 and it's even *slightly* possible that you'll get pregnant, make sure you include plenty of folic acid in your eating plan.

Here's why: getting enough folic acid before you become pregnant and in the first few weeks of pregnancy may reduce your baby's risk of devastating birth defects of the brain and spinal cord known as neural-tube defects. Each year, about 2,500 babies in the United States are born with neural-tube defects.

The great news is that studies estimate that up to 70 percent of these serious birth defects may be prevented by eating enough folate-containing foods, as well as folic acid-fortified foods.

Easing Folate Into Your Eating Plan

It's easy; do it the delicious way by eating folate-rich foods (check out the list below). Also, since January 1998, enriched bread, cereal, pasta, flour, crackers, and rice have been fortified with folic acid.

Check your menu; you probably already eat some foods that have folate because many fruits and vegetables are an excellent source of this powerful vitamin. Start by adding just one more serving of a fruit or vegetable each day. Before

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Support For Parents Of Kids With Substance Abuse Problems

Providence Hospital offers a weekly support group for parents of children with drug or alcohol abuse problems. The group meets on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the hospital (located at 1233 Main Street, Holyoke).

The meetings provide an opportunity for parents whose children are currently involved with substance abuse, or have been in the past, to share ideas on how to deal with the problem. There is no charge for the sessions.

The substance abuse services of Providence Hospital are part of Sisters of Providence Behavioral HealthCare. For information on the support group, call Karen Walsh Pio, M.S.W., L.I.C.S.W., Director, Outpatient Counseling Services, at (413) 493-2032.

Support Group For Children Of Area Cancer Patients

Learning that your parent has cancer is difficult for children of all ages. But discovering you're not alone and sharing your feelings and concerns with others in the same situation can help.

Children of area cancer patients have that opportunity, through a support group which meets monthly at Mercy Hospital. The group's next meeting will take place Monday, August 3rd, 7:00 p.m., in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center.

Meetings are led by skilled facilitators from Mercy Hospital's Pastoral Care Department and are free of charge. Persons of all ages are welcome.

For more information, call the Pastoral Care Department, (413) 748-9453.

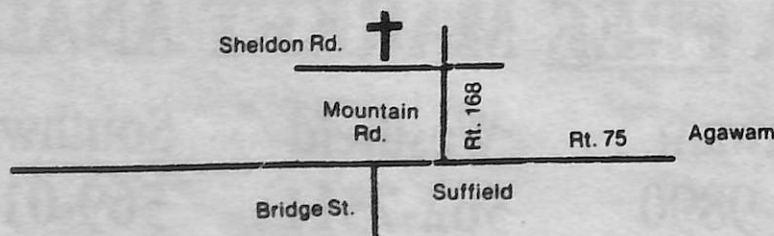
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Stretches And Low Back Pain

Chiropractic's philosophy is based on prevention. One of the most effective means to decrease low back pain is four simple exercises to keep the muscles strong and flexible.

Two of these exercises are stretches. The first is a simple knee to chest stretch. Lie flat on your back, bend one knee toward your chest, put both hands behind the knee, and pull the upper leg toward your chest. Hold for 10 seconds. Release and repeat with the other leg.

Relax and repeat two more times. This is a wonderful exercise for relaxing the muscles in the low back and is a great stretch after working in the garden or playing golf all weekend. Perform this stretch upon rising, before bed, and before and after any physical activity.

The next stretch is for the back of the thighs and legs; the hamstrings. These muscles are strong muscles that insert on the pelvis, so when these muscles are too tight, they can create an imbalance in the entire spine.

Lie flat on your back with both knees bent. Put both hands behind your right knee and bring your right leg up to form a 90-degree angle with your body. Then slowly straighten your leg until you feel a mild stretch in the back of your thigh. Hold 10 seconds; repeat on other leg. Rest and repeat two more times. These stretches can also be performed in the sitting position.

These two stretches are very effective in keeping the body balanced. Next week, we will discuss two simple strengthening exercises for the low back to keep it strong and pain-free. If you have any questions regarding these stretches, please contact our office.

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

New Mothers' Support Group Offered At Mercy Hospital

New mothers are invited to share their questions and concerns at a New Mothers' Support Group, sponsored by the Family Life Center at Mercy Hospital.

The next sessions will take place August 5th and 19th, 10:30-11:30 a.m., in the Family Life Center lounge; the August 5th meeting will feature a special presentation on choosing child care.

Meetings are open to mothers with babies up to one year-old, and offer the opportunity to talk with professionals from the Family Life Center's Parenting Education Department and share experiences and information with other new mothers. Topics include newborn care, infant feeding, postpartum concerns, returning to work, and parenting issues. Babies and partners are welcome to attend.

For more information and to register, call the Family Life Center, (413) 748-7295.

Mercy Hospital Has Series For Newly Diagnosed Diabetics

Newly diagnosed diabetics will benefit from a four-part educational series being conducted in August at Mercy Hospital.

The free series will take place August 10th-13th, 2:30-3:30 p.m., in the Deliso Conference Center at the hospital, 299 Carew St. Sessions will provide an introduction to diabetes, dietary guidelines, a review of diabetes medications, and an overview of complications related to the condition.

Registration is required; call Mercy Hospital's Patient Education Department, (413) 748-9024.

"For Your Health" is another reason why you turn our pages...

Support Groups, Courses, And Programs At Noble

SUPPORT GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous: Sunday evenings, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield.

Free of charge. All are welcome.

Stroke Support Group: Wednesdays, August 5th and 19th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke and their support persons.

The topics of discussion at these meetings will be announced.

Diabetes Support Group: Tuesday, August 25th, 1:00 p.m. In Conference Room A.

Free of charge and open to individuals suffering from diabetes and their support persons.

Reed Shneider, M.D., a Board Certified Cardiologist at Noble Hospital, will be the speaker at this meeting.

COURSES/PROGRAMS:

CPR Course: Wednesdays, August 19th and 26th, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. In Noble Hospital's Education Department/Ground Floor.

This two-part course provides American Heart Association Adult, Child, and Infant certification. The cost of the course is \$45.

To register or obtain more information, call Noble Hospital's Education Department at (413) 572-5172.

Free Athletic Injury Clinic: Thursdays, August 6th and 20th, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. At Noble Hospital's Sports & Rehabilitation Center, 76 Main Street, Westfield.

During this clinic, athletic injuries are evaluated by a certified athletic trainer and, based upon the evaluation, remedial exercises or physician referral may be recommended.

For an appointment, call 562-3522.

Local Meetings Dealing With Mental Illness Issues

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Western Massachusetts, Inc. has announced the following groups which are free and open to the public.

For Those With Depression and Manic Depression-Westfield: 20 Broad, Street, Westfield. Meets first and third Tuesdays of the month, 7:00 p.m.

For Adult Siblings and Adult Children of those with Mental Illness: AMI-WM Office, 717½ Main Street, Agawam. Meets second Tuesday of the month, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

For Adults with a Mentally Ill Relative-Agawam: Agawam Council on Aging, 68 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam. Meets Last Monday of the month, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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you know it, you'll be eating "Five A Day" for folate and you'll be on your way!

We all know how great fruits and vegetables taste. They are good for us, too, since they provide vitamins like A and C, as well as fiber. Here are some additional ways you can power-pack your eating plan for folate:

- Top your favorite cereal with slices of ripe strawberries.

- Toss some fresh spinach into salads. Try the prewashed spinach for even more convenience. Top with low-fat salad dressing.

- Stir-fry fresh asparagus, cauliflower, or broccoli with garlic and a splash of sesame oil for a flavorful side dish.

- Make a colorful fruit salad by tossing together fresh berries, watermelon cubes, pineapple wedges, and orange sections.

GOOD SOURCES OF FOLATE

Source	Daily Value *
Chickpeas (½ cup)	35%
Spinach, cooked (½ cup)	33%
Kidney beans (½ cup)	29%
Orange juice (1 cup)	27%
Strawberries (8 medium)	20%
Green peas (½ cup)	12%
Orange (medium)	12%
Broccoli, cooked (½ cup)	10%
Romaine lettuce (½ cup)	10%

(* Based on a daily value of 400 micrograms.)

STRAWBERRY FRUIT SALAD WITH THREE DRESSINGS

8 cups lightly packed spinach leaves
1 pint basket strawberries, stemmed and halved
4 cups assorted melon chunks
1½ cups orange and grapefruit segments
Orange-mint, strawberry-ginger, or balsamic-pepper dressing

Line platter or 4 individual plates with spinach. Top with fruits, dividing equally. Serve with your choice of dressing on the side. *Makes 4 servings.*

Orange-Mint Dressing: In bowl, whisk 1 8-ounce container plain nonfat yogurt, 3 tablespoons thawed orange juice concentrate, and 1 teaspoon sugar. Mix in 3 tablespoons chopped mint. Serve immediately, or cover and refrigerate up to 2 days. *Makes about 1 cup.*

Strawberry-Ginger Dressing: In blender or food processor, puree 1½ cups strawberries; transfer to bowl. Mix in 1½ to 2 tablespoons honey, 1½ tablespoons lime juice, 2 teaspoons grated fresh ginger, and a pinch of salt. Use immediately, or cover and refrigerate up to 2 days. *Makes about 1 cup.*

Balsamic-Pepper Dressing: In bowl, whisk 1 8-ounce container nonfat strawberry yogurt, 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar, 1 teaspoon honey, and ½ to 1 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper. Serve immediately, or cover and refrigerate up to 2 days. *Makes about 1 cup.*

Nancy Dell, MS, is a registered dietitian in private practice in Feeding Hills and the media representative for the Massachusetts Dietetic Association.

Chris, Lovely as ever... Happy 50th Birthday





Arts



"NESTOR THE NEFARIOUS" (Tyler Pearsons and Brian Athas) gets his heart back with the help of Morgiana the Sorceress (Kristan LaGuercia), who defeats the Dark Druid, in **THE DRAGON'S HEART** at the Red Door Theatre, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The next STAGE production is **THE PRINCE & THE PAUPER** on August 7th and 8th at 7:30 p.m., and August 8th and 9th at 2:00 p.m. For tickets, call (413) 789-2026.

STAGE To Present "The Prince & The Pauper" At Red Door Theatre

STAGE Children's Theatre will present the third in its summer theatre series, an adaptation by Lyle Pearsons of Mark Twain's **THE PRINCE & THE PAUPER** on August 7th and 8th at 7:30 p.m. and August 8th and 9th at 2:00 p.m. at THE RED DOOR THEATRE, 152 S. WESTFIELD STREET, FEEDING HILLS.

This production has a cast of 41 young people ages 10-15 who are part of a two-week theatre camp which includes such activities as set building, costume construction, poster and program design, as well as acting techniques and dramatic activities. Campers participate in all aspects of mounting a full theatrical production for the public.

The curtain came down on **THE DRAGON'S HEART**, which produced four public performances and played to sold-out audiences. The cast consisted of 42 young people ages eight through 15 who came from surrounding towns in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

This production featured a two-manned dragon, Nestor the Nefarious, who was constructed by

Marilene and Steve Allen of Agawam. The dragon delighted the audience as did the antics of the children playing woodland elves, fairies, and 1800's Irish landowners.

The story was an original Celtic tale by Margie Secora of Southwick and featured Celtic music and dance. Participating in the cast were: Carolina & John Albano, Brian & Kevin Athas, Ricky Avonti, Andrew & Liz Bannish, Ally Bertagnoli, Amanda Buskey, Dan Cahill, Elizabeth & Lisa Couture, Lindsay Cushing, James & Susan Damon, Jason Frank, Dan Gianfelice, Ashley Guyer, Ashley Hess, Kendall Hill, Josh Hirst, Sarah Houlihan, Greg Kanteres, Renate Klueh, Kristan LaGuercia, Kati Lewantowicz, Stephanie Marek, Allie Markowski, Alexandra Messmer, Traci Mnich, Jaime & Tyler Pearsons, Arielle Rollins, Jamie St. Jean, Robyn & Shannon Smith, Ryan Stelzer, Allison Ventulette, Doug Wallace, Regina & Jessica Yopak, and Alyssa Zmaczynski.

Tickets for **THE PRINCE & THE PAUPER** may be reserved by calling 789-2026. All tickets are \$5 and all seats are reserved.

Concert & Movie At Veterans' Green On Sat., August 1st

As part of the town's ongoing summer entertainment program, the Kevin So Band will perform on Saturday, August 1st beginning at 7:00 p.m. The show will be followed by a "drive-in" style presentation of the movie "Men In Black."

Kevin So is a down-to-earth singer-songwriter who originates from Boston where he was nominated in 1997 for "Best New Contemporary Folk Act" by the Boston Music Awards. So's original music development was studying classical piano and violin but his tastes changed as he grew older and he studied jazz for four years in Los Angeles.

Eventually he turned to his true love, blues-inspired folk music. His second compact disc, "Individual," has received accolades from the *Boston Globe* and *Boston Herald* as well as folk greats Richie Havens and Martin Sexton.

"Men In Black" was one of last summer's big hits and stars Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones in this science fiction comedy. The movie is rated PG-13 and will be presented on a 21-foot screen.

The night's program is made possible by a grant from Sarat Ford and E.B.'s Restaurant with additional funding provided by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. For additional information, contact the Rotary Club at 789-7393.

In the event of rain, the Kevin So Band will perform at the Agawam Middle School. The movie would be rescheduled to Saturday, August 15th.

Best local news...

Salamander Crossing To Perform On Aug. 5th At Veterans' Green

As part of the town's ongoing summer entertainment program, the popular Salamander Crossing will perform August 5th on Veterans' Green starting at 6:30 p.m.

Recently voted "Best Local Folk Art" by the *Worcester Phoenix*, Salamander Crossing has steadily gained steam on the national bluegrass circuit. Consisting of Rani Arbo on fiddle, Andrew Kinsey on bass, and Jeff Kelliher on guitar, they've recently added banjo player David Dick, who also works with alterna-country rockers Little Big Wheel.

The band is known for their ability to mix bluegrass instrumentation with contemporary folk, swing blues, and blend top notch songwriting with hauntingly beautiful vocal harmonies.

The night's program is made possible by a grant from United Industrial Service with additional funding provided by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

For additional information, contact the Rotary Club at 789-7393. In the event of rain, the performance will take place at the Agawam Middle School.

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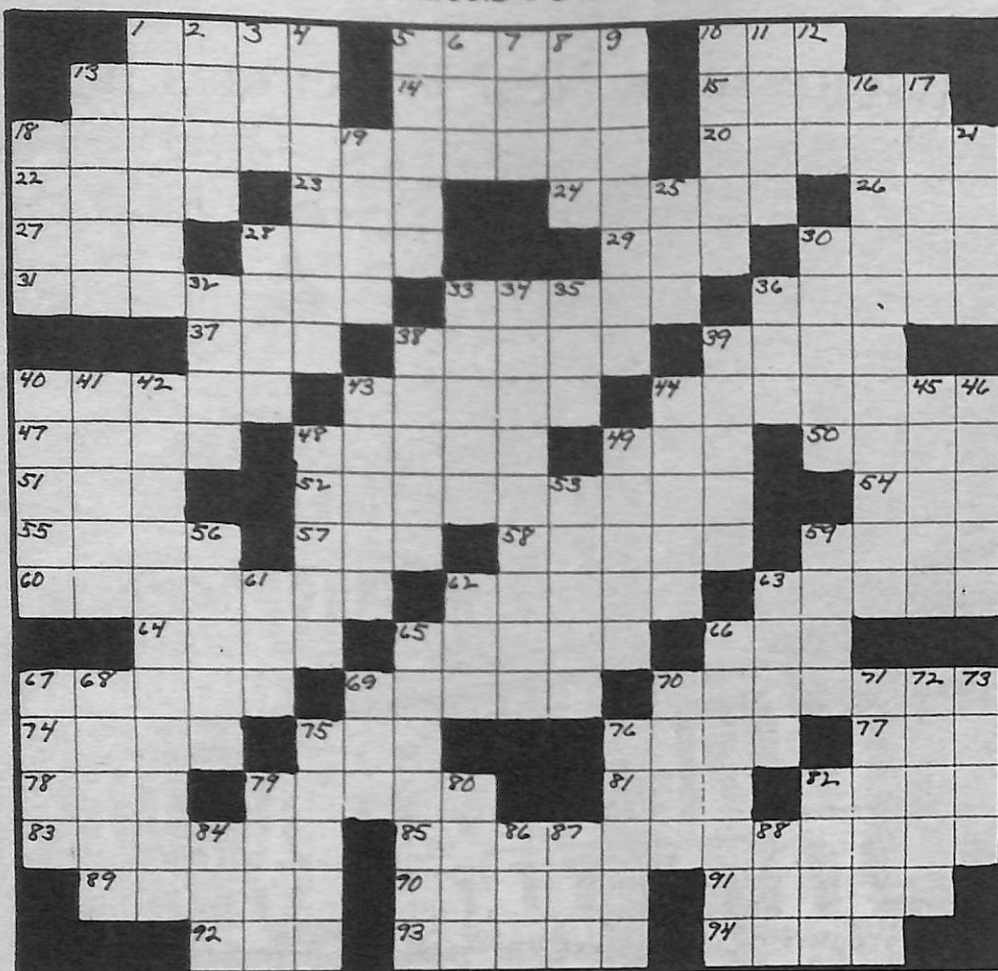
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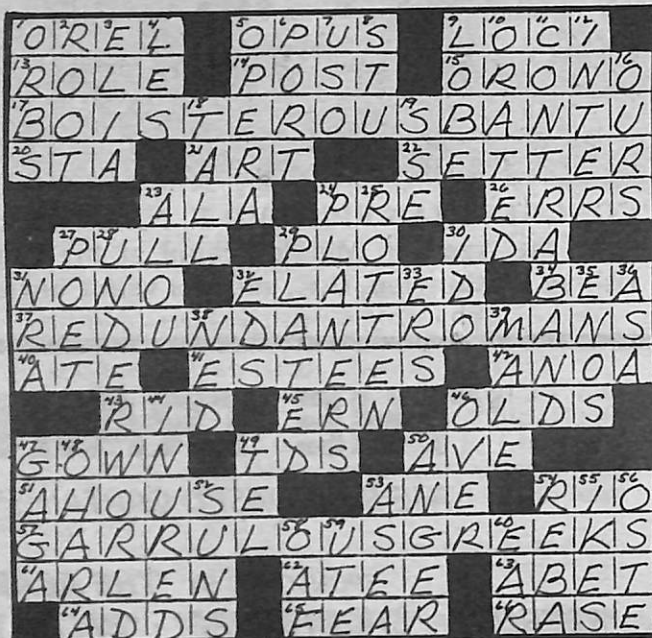
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Last Week's Solution...



"Memory Lane Chorus" To Meet On August 4th

"Memory Lane Chorus" of the Agawam Senior Center will resume practice sessions in August in preparation for a program of Broadway songs in November.

The group will practice at the Senior Center on Tuesday afternoons at around 2:30 p.m., following the movie that is usually shown on that day after lunch. The first session of the fall season will be on August 4th.

The chorus is always open to new members and anyone who enjoys group singing is invited to "drop in" and take part in any of the programs at which the group may perform or just take part whenever time permits.

Membership is not limited to senior citizens and Director Darcy Davis would especially like to invite for the upcoming program any former members of the Broadway shows that were put on at the High School for many years, to take part in this production.

During the months of May and June, some 60 songs that were performed in Broadway shows from the 1890's to the 1960's were reviewed for possible inclusion in the November show. Final selections will be made during the August practice sessions and it is hoped that many well-known old favorites that haven't been heard a great deal in recent years will make the show a unique presentation.

The program will include soloists and small group features in addition to full chorus and sing-along numbers. This year, with the program to take place at the Junior High School, there will be room to feature some dance numbers and this should add to the overall visual presentation.

The Memory Lane Chorus started last year for the World War II Intergenerational Program at the High School and with some participation by members of the Junior High Chorus this year, that idea will be carried through on a more limited basis using "Broadway Songs" as a focal point.

The group has had some very "good" times during the past. Director Davis would like to emphasize that, "You don't have to be an opera star to enjoy music with us. There are no try-outs and everyone with the desire for a group musical experience is welcome."

Magic Show At Agawam Library

All families who are participating in the Agawam Library's Summer Reading Program are invited to a magic show on Wednesday, August 5th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room.

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Suffield Players To Hold Auditions For Fall Production

Suffield: The Suffield Players will hold auditions for their fall production of Joseph Kesselring's murder/comedy classic, "ARSENIC AND OLD LACE" on August 16th and 17th, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Mapleton Hall, 1305 Mapleton Ave., in Suffield.

There are roles for three women and 11 men, ages 25 to 65. Show dates will be October 8th, 9th, 10th, 16th, 17th, 23rd, and 24th.

Scripts are available for review at Kent Library in Suffield. For more information, call directors Dale Facey at 413-567-8422 or Ed Gogulski at 860-668-0745.



Education

Physical Examination Schedule For AHS's Fall Athletic Teams

All Agawam High School student-athletes trying out for a fall athletic team **MUST** have a physical examination completed by their own physician or by the school physician **BEFORE** they will be allowed to try out for any team.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS will take place at Agawam High School, in the nurse's office. In both cases, a **THOROUGHLY COMPLETED M.I.A. PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FORM** signed by both the doctor and the parent/guardian must be on file.

Forms are available at Agawam High School. Examinations done by the school doctor are free of charge.

EXAMINATION SCHEDULE:

AUGUST 19, 1998: 8:30 a.m., Varsity & JV Football; 9:30 a.m., Varsity & JV Boys' Soccer; 10:00 a.m., Boys' Cross Country; 10:15 a.m., Golf; 10:30 a.m., Varsity & JV Girls' Soccer; 11:15 a.m., Varsity & JV Field Hockey; 11:45 a.m., Girls' Volleyball.

AUGUST 21, 1998: 8:30 a.m., Freshmen Football; 9:00 a.m., Freshmen Boys' Soccer; 9:30 a.m., Freshmen Girls' Soccer; 9:45 a.m., Freshmen Field Hockey; 10:00 a.m., Gymnastics; 10:15 a.m., Girls' Cross Country.

AUGUST 24, 1998: 8:00 a.m., Make-up physical for boys; 8:30 a.m., Make-up physicals for girls.

PRACTICE SCHEDULE: REVISED AND UPDATED:

August 24th: Football - ONLY - Conditioning Day - No Contact

August 25th: Football - ONLY - Conditioning Day - No Contact

August 26th: Football - ONLY - Conditioning Day - No Contact

August 27th: ALL SPORTS - Double Sessions

August 28th: ALL SPORTS - Double Sessions

August 31st: ALL SPORTS - Double Sessions

September 1st: ALL SPORTS - Single Session

September 2nd: ALL SPORTS - Single Session

September 3rd: ALL SPORTS - Single Session;

"Back to Sport Night" - AHS Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.

September 4th: "Media Day" - Harmon Smith Field - 2:15 p.m.

September 26th: Fourth Annual Berkshire Power Golf Tournament to benefit the AHS Athletic Department.

Area Students Earn Undergraduate Degrees At UMass Amherst

Some 4,000 students in nearly 100 majors received undergraduate degrees from the University of Massachusetts Amherst this spring.

Commencement ceremonies were held May 24th. Charlayne Hunter-Gault, an award-winning national broadcast journalist, and former U.S. Senator from Maine, George J. Mitchell, who negotiated the latest peace talks in Northern Ireland, delivered the main addresses.

Degrees also were awarded to September and February graduates.

The following local students were bachelor's degree candidates:

From Feeding Hills: William J. Bates, Daniel A. Franklin, Daniel P. McCarthy, Michael J. Montessi, Maura E. Paton, April M. Rapa, Vincent J. Russo, Ellen R. Sekkal.

From Agawam: Keith A. Dahlke, Gale M. Engelman, Monty H. Gada, Irene M. Gosselin, Julie J. McCarthy, Ellen R. Mongeau, Susan C. Nickerson, Heather D. Pierce, Michael E. Stone.

Maureen Dimock To Attend Fordham University In NYC

Maureen Dimock, a member of Agawam High School's class of 1998, will be attending Fordham University at the Lincoln Center Campus in New York City this fall. She will major in psychology.

At AHS, Maureen was a four-year member of the girls' varsity tennis team and was a captain of the 1998 squad. She is currently teaching children's tennis for the Agawam Parks and Recreation Department.

Congressman Neal Welcomes Agawam Pupils



CONGRESSMAN RICHARD E. NEAL (far right) recently welcomed students and teachers from the Agawam Middle School at the United States Capitol Building. The group was visiting Washington, D.C. and met with Congressman Neal to discuss a wide variety of issues.

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IN LEFT PHOTO: Cheryl Fennyery pins the Eagle Scout Rank on her son, Christopher. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Eagle Scout Christopher Lee Fennyery with his father, Curtis; mother, Cheryl; and younger brothers, Casey and Corey. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Christopher Lee Fennyery Attains Rank Of Eagle Scout

Christopher Lee Fennyery, the son of Curtis and Cheryl Fennyery of Agawam, has attained the highest award in Boy Scouting, the Eagle Rank, which only 2.1 percent of boys earn.

Christopher started his Scouting career in Cub Pack 75, sponsored by Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

Prior positions that Christopher has held include Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader.

As part of his time in Scouting, Christopher helped with the Yukon Derby, Pinewood Derby,

Blue and Gold Banquets, car washes, fundraising, and tag and craft sales.

The week of April 16th was a big week for Christopher. He not only earned his Eagle Rank, he also got his driver's license and made his Confirmation at Sacred Heart Church.

The Eagle Ceremony was presented by Ken Connor, District Executive at Pioneer Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America Office in Chicopee. Helping him were Mark Hallbauer, Casey Fennyery, Ed Hamel, Dan Barber, and boys from Troops 207, 75, and 78.

From the time a Scout makes Eagle and the

paperwork is sent to national headquarters in Dallas, Texas, it takes approximately six to eight weeks before everything is approved and returned to the Council office.

The Eagle Banquet was held June 27th and was well attended by Scouts, family, and friends. Christopher also received several letters, certificates, and citations, which were presented to him during the ceremony.

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Rebecca J. Wing Receives Arnold Industries Scholarship

Rebecca J. Wing of Feeding Hills is the recipient of a \$3,000 Arnold Industries Scholarship Foundation Award. Rebecca will begin her junior year of college at Quinnipiac College in Hamden, Connecticut where she will major in physical therapy.

A 1996 graduate of Agawam High School, Rebecca is one of 120 students selected out of 1,375 to be part of the Physical Therapy Masters Program with a 3.4 cumulative GPA.

Rebecca is the daughter of Gary and Deborah Wing. Her father is a truck driver at the Springfield terminal of New Penn Motor Express, Inc.

The Arnold Industries Scholarship Foundation has been established by Arnold Industries, Inc. of Lebanon, Pennsylvania to provide one-year scholarships to the qualified children of employees of Arnold subsidiaries.

Lauren L. Seymour Named To Dean's List At Assumption College

Lauren L. Seymour, daughter of Mrs. Nancy Seymour of Agawam, has been named to the Dean's List for Assumption College in Worcester for the spring 1998 semester. Lauren is in the Class of 1999.

Assumption College is a Catholic, liberal arts college founded in 1904 and located in Worcester. In 1997, the college enrolled the largest freshman class in its history.

Assumption College is ranked in the top tier of Northern Colleges and Universities in the United States by *U.S. News and World Report*.

The 1998 edition of *Time/Princeton Review: The Best College for You* ranked Assumption in the highly selective category. The college has more than 16,000 alumni.

"Unbirthday Party" For Agawam Library's Summer Reading Kids

Preschool Summer Reading Club members are invited to an UNBIRTHDAY PARTY at the Agawam Library on Tuesday, August 18th from 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Birthday songs and stories will be the order of the day, and refreshments will be served.

REGISTER FOR THIS PROGRAM BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 15th, IN PERSON OR BY CALLING THE LIBRARY AT 789-1550.

Tammy L. Washburn Graduates From Westfield State College

Tammy Lynne Washburn of Agawam graduated recently from Westfield State College with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology magna cum laude and was recently accepted into their graduate program.

She is presently employed as a teacher's assistant at Agawam Middle School.

Program By Storyteller Alicia Quintano At Ag. Public Library

Storyteller Alicia Quintano will offer a program, "The Mysterious Stranger - And Other Stories," at the Agawam Library on Wednesday, August 12th at 6:30 p.m.

An audience-solves-the-ending tale will be a special feature of the performance. Hailed as a "...storyteller par excellence," Alicia has travelled to 38 states performing libraries, schools, theatres, and festivals.

The public is invited to attend this show, sponsored by the Agawam Center Library Association. CALL OR VISIT THE LIBRARY TO REGISTER FOR THE PROGRAM.

Junior Women's "Safety Bug" Prog. On Friday, August 21st

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will offer their annual "Safety Bug" program on Friday, August 21st beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Agawam Library Community Room.

The presentation is designed to help ease youngsters' anxiety about riding the school bus, and will offer safety tips, as well.

Agawam and Feeding Hills children who will be riding the bus to school for the first time can be registered in person at the library or by calling 789-1550.



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If there are more than 5 perfect entries in any age group, 5 will be selected at random. Each winner will receive 3 tickets to the September 5th game between the *University of Massachusetts Minutewomen & the Arizona State University Sun Devils* at the Agawam High School Stadium.

Mail your entry to the Riverside Soccer Classic Contest, 58 Sunset Terrace, Feeding Hills, MA 01030. Contest ends August 15, 1998. Winners will be notified by mail.

Kids, here's a chance to take mom and dad out to watch a highly skilled game of soccer!

For best results, use 3 or 4 different colored pens to outline answers!

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Sports

British Soccer Camp A "Smashing" Success

The Challenge Soccer camp sponsored by the Agawam Soccer Association was a resounding success last week. Over 60 Agawam youngsters from seven years-old through 14 went to the camp which was held at Phelps.

Four highly rated (A or B licensed) coaches from the British Isles were on hand to teach the children how to play soccer European style. The coaches from the British Isles represented the countries of Wales and England.

All were previous Professional Soccer players in their home countries and are now busy coaching, playing semi-pro ball, and finishing up their college education. Each of the coaches had previous coaching experience in their home countries and were nationally rated coaches in Europe.

The camp was divided up into three groups, the all-day session with Richard Burroughs from Lowesoft, England and Derek Evans from Cardiff, Wales leading the kids through the drills and the half-day sessions conducted by Mo Yasin of Manchester, England and Adrian Tucker of Merthyr Tydfil, Wales.

As an added benefit, the British and Welsh coaches held two coaching clinics for interested Agawam parents and coaches on both Tuesday and Thursday evening from 6:30 to 8:30. Both clinics were well-attended with 12 coaches making the Tuesday event and 16 coming to the Thursday evening session.

Both sessions were jam packed with European style drills and tactics as well as lively question and answer sessions. The European style of soccer is quite different than our own and the coaches who attended not only gained valuable drills to use with their teams, but got a chance to observe four skilled professional player/coaches who were more than willing to share their experiences and knowledge for the benefit of the Agawam youth.

In addition, at the end of the five-day program, the coaches invited all the parents to a one-hour practice/drill where the parents watched their children play against the coaches in mini-scrimmages and were able to see first-hand the individual improvements their children had made during the week. The camp ended with a parents/coaches' scrimmage which the camp kids thoroughly enjoyed.

The coaches will be staying in the United States for the summer and giving camps throughout the Northeast. Additional camps are scheduled for Conway, New Hampshire, Belchertown, Amherst, and Westfield. The program will be continued next year with the hopes of adding to the number of children participating and even getting some entire teams involved. The program offers special rates and clinics that stress overall team performance and plays as well as individual skills and teamwork. The team clinics enhance the play of the overall team while allowing the kids to learn European strategy and tactics.

Two Agawam families had the pleasure of hosting the coaches and learning in-depth about life in the British Isles. In their spare time, the coaches had the opportunity to go golfing, hitting a few balls on the links here in Agawam, spend some time at the Perry Lane pool, participate in some water sports, including skiing and tubing at Otis, and get to know the area.

This was a wonderful way of meeting soccer professionals and giving the children the chance to learn not only about soccer, as played in Europe, but also some of the culture at the same time. Many thanks to the Agawam Soccer Association and in particular, Mike Fournier, who worked with the Challenge Soccer program to bring the camp to Agawam.

Girls' Basketball Camp To Be Held At AHS's Outdoor Courts

There will be a mini girls' basketball camp held at the outdoor courts located at Agawam High School.

The camp is for all girls entering grades four through nine. The dates of the camp are Monday through Wednesday, August 10th through 12th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The camp is free and will be directed by Lou Conte and several AHS girls' players.

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THE BRITISH SOCCER PROGRAM COACHES (from left to right): Mo Yasin from Manchester, England, Derek Evans from Cardiff, Wales, Paul Bumby (the program director in the northeast), Adrian Tucker from Methyr Tydfil, Wales, and Richard Burroughs from Lowesoft, England.



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Agawam Piranhas Defeated By Belchertown Team

The Agawam Piranhas swim team lost against the Belchertown team by a score of 251-284 on July 14th in Belchertown. The results included:

Girls 8 & under:

The team of Taryn Dooley, Mary Malone, Kathryn Malone, and Brittany Sullivan placed first in the 100-yard medley relay.

Taryn Dooley, first in 100-yard individual medley; Brittany Sullivan, second in 25-yard freestyle; Taryn Dooley, first in 25-yard butterfly; Kathryn Malone, third in 50-yard freestyle; Sarah Torrey, second, and Mary Malone, third in 25-yard backstroke; Brittany Sullivan, second, and Kathryn Malone, third in 25-yard breaststroke.

The team of Taryn Dooley, Kathryn Malone, Brittany Sullivan, and Sarah Torrey placed first in the 100-yard freestyle relay.

Girls 9-10:

Caitlin Hurley, second, and Carlee Bouthiller, third in 50-yard freestyle; Brittany Gutowski, third in 100-yard freestyle; Brittany Gutowski, second, and Carlee Bouthiller, third in 50-yard backstroke; Caitlin Hurley, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

Boys 9-10:

Jeffrey Lagasse, first in 50-yard freestyle, first in 50-yard backstroke, and first in 50-yard breaststroke.

Girls 11-12:

Rebecca Carey, third in 200-yard freestyle; Bethany Reid, first in 200-yard individual medley; Danielle Poggi, second in 50-yard freestyle; Bethany Reid, second in 100-yard freestyle; Rebecca Carey, second in 50-yard backstroke; Julia Weisgerber, second in 50-yard breaststroke.

The team of Rebecca Carey, Danielle Poggi, Bethany Reid, and Julia Weisgerber placed second in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Boys 11-12:

Connor Dooley, first in 200-yard individual medley; Connor Dooley, second, and Kyle Henry, third in 50-yard freestyle; Kyle Henry, third in 100-yard freestyle; Connor Dooley, second in 50-yard backstroke; Kyle Henry, second in 50-yard breaststroke.

Girls 13-14:

The team of Lindsay Carey, Kimberly Chmura, Allison Morris, and Brittany Theriaque placed first in the 200-yard medley relay.

Lindsay Carey, third in 200-yard freestyle; Kimberly Chmura, first in 200-yard individual medley; Brittany Theriaque, first, and Selema Sekkal, third in 50-yard freestyle; Kimberly Chmura, first, and Allison Morris, second in 100-yard butterfly; Allison Morris, third in 100-yard freestyle; Brittany Theriaque, second, and Michele Gendron, third in 100-yard backstroke; Lindsay Carey, second in 100-yard breaststroke.

The team of Lindsay Carey, Kimberly Chmura, Allison Morris, and Brittany Theriaque placed second in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Boys 13-14:

The team of Michael Follis, Paul Lagasse, Kyle Sullivan, and David Torrey placed first in the 200-yard medley relay.

Paul Lagasse, first in 200-yard freestyle; Michael Follis, first in 200-yard individual medley; Kyle Sullivan, first in 50-yard freestyle; Michael Follis, first in 100-yard butterfly; Kyle Sullivan, first, and David Torrey, second in 100-yard freestyle; David Torrey, first, and Paul Lagasse, second in 100-yard breaststroke.

The team of Paul Lagasse, David Torrey, Michael Follis, and Kyle Sullivan placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Girls 15-18:

Shannon Costa, first in 200-yard freestyle and first in 200-yard individual medley; Rachel Morris, first, and Jennifer Reid, second in 50-yard freestyle; Rachel Morris, first in 100-yard butterfly; Rachel Morris, first, and Jennifer Reid, third in 100-yard freestyle; Shannon Costa, first in 100-yard backstroke; Jennifer Reid, first in 100-yard breaststroke.

Boys 15-18:

Charlie Roberts, first in 200-yard freestyle, first in 50-yard freestyle, and first in 100-yard freestyle.

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Bay West Hockey Association To Conduct Registration On August 5th And August 13th

The Bay West Hockey Association has announced that it will be conducting its annual registration on the following evenings:

- * Wednesday, August 5th, West Springfield Town Hall, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- * Thursday, August 13th, Agawam Public

Library Community Room, 6:45 to 8:45 p.m.

The registration evenings will be for all levels, including "learn to skate."

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The Padres cruised through the regular season with a 15-1 record, then defeated the Bill Walsh Royals and the Rockies en route to the Championship.

This outstanding season is the result of another fine coaching job by Head Coach Steve Bonesteel and Assistant Coaches Gary Desimone and Howard Rogers.

The Padres' Mike Hill has been named Bridgeport Bindery Player-of-the-Year for his great season at the plate and on the mound for the squad.

The Agawam Babe Ruth League has proven to be a stepping stone to the AHS baseball program. Several members of this year's varsity team, including Brian St. Jean, Brian Machos, Ryan Progulski, Mike Wing, Bryan O'Quinn, Brady Martin, Andy St. Jean, Ryan White, and Eric Melbourne, are alumni of the league.

The Babe Ruth League would like to thank the following sponsors for their help during the season: Berkshire Power, Christina's Country Store, AAMCO, Fran's Restaurant, and Attorney Bill Walsh.

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"Yellow" Champs From Sacred Heart...

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE yellow team, the Sacred Heart girls' 14-17 champs. Front row: Catherine Dickinson, Allison Willett, Nicole Yvon, Jill Moccio, and Vicky Taylor. Back row: Coach Carol Pietroniro, Suzanne Svadeba, Coach Gary Shean, Marie Svadeba, Jessica Briotta, Aimee Beaudette, Athena Mastroianni, Liz Steig, Coach Joanne Taylor, and Allison Willett. (Missing from photo: Lissa Asta-Ferrero.)

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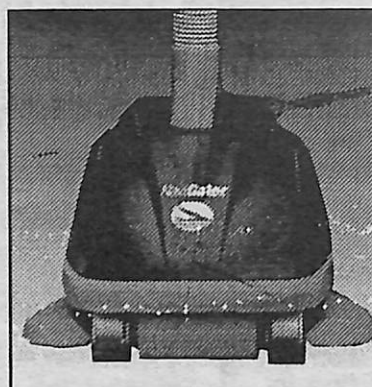
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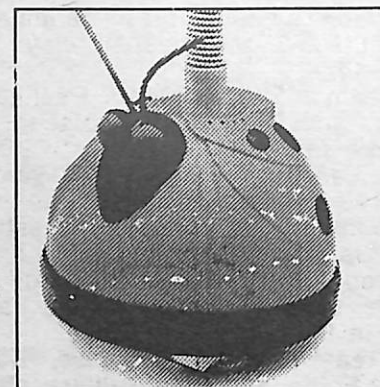
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Outdoors New England

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Outdoor Writer

Hot Bluefish!!!

Action was immediate, as the boat made its first early-morning drift through the nautical traffic jam at the Race. Heavy tackle was the byword, as 16-ounce drail and chain rigs were necessary to get the rigged herring to the bottom. A stiff current and 150-foot depths made a few tangles inevitable, but everyone cooperated well, as did the fish.

Bluefish are terrific fighters and some very respectable fish came over the side during the morning session. For those unfamiliar with bluefish, they have been described as life-support systems for teeth.

Anything that swims and can almost fit into their mouth is fair game. Fish that are too large to get into their mouth are simply chomped in half or whatever bite-sized pieces are necessary.

Bluefish are gluttonous eaters, and when they're full and the feeding frenzy is continuing, they will regurgitate their stomach contents and start over. When the opportunities exist to battle one of these eating machines (or "choppers," as they are known) on light tackle, the battle is memorable.

When removing the hook from a bluefish, a pair of long-nose pliers is almost mandatory. More than one person has lost all or part of a finger while trying to unhook a large blue. This is definitely one species that absentminded bass fishermen should not try to "lip land."

FISH REPORTS FRESH WATER

Congamond Lakes — Kurt at Saunders Marina reports that bass action has been consistent. Some large pickerel are also being taken by anglers. Bass are holding in deep water during peak activity times. Jigs and tube lures are accounting for quite a few of the better fish. Plastic worms fished off the deep weedlines are also producing.

Valley streams are giving up a few nice trout for those willing to hit the streams at sunrise and at dusk. The Westfield river is reported to be giving up a few of its lunker trout in the vicinity of the Turnpike bridge and downstream areas.

Five Mile Pond in Springfield is producing some decent largemouth action on the deep side of the shoal near the center of the eastern portion of the lake. Soft plastics and jigs are working during the day, and suspending jerk baits like the new K.B. Special are taking fish under the low-light conditions.

Connecticut River smallmouth are hitting again! A return to somewhat more normal water levels has stabilized the action. Lead head jigs with a twister tail grub are working in the deeper channel cuts and on the downstream side of the deeper bridge supports. The Rt. 91 bridge and the Rt. 391 bridge are producing some fairly large walleyes for night anglers.

SALT WATER

Bluefishing has picked up both in in-shore waters as well as at popular spots such as the Race and Plum Gut. Charter boats and party boats that are targeting the blues are having pretty good luck with some real heavyweights coming over the sides. Some surface action has been reported off of Hatches Reef, the mouth of the Connecticut River, and on the north side of Fishers Island.

Stripers are everywhere on the Cape and North Shore. Almost half of the fish are of keeper-size.

Long Island Sound has not had quite the striper action as the Cape and vicinity, but there are plenty of bass to be had. Several recent trips to Fishers Island Sound have produced some really nice fish along the shorelines at night. Some four-foot jumbos have been taking live eels in two feet of water along boulder-strewn shorelines.

Offshore action has found some bluefin tuna action in close with catches of yellowfin in the 40- to 75-pound class. The yellowfin are being found near the canyon edges a considerable distance off shore.

Sharking continues strong with some large blues and an occasional mako being taken.

Kent Servis's "Outdoors New England" is a regular feature of the ADVERTISER NEWS...



AT THE AGAWAM COUNTRY CLUB, members of the Mutti family — Sandra, Kathy, and Peter — stand by Tee Marker No. 1, which bears the name of the late Dante J. Mutti. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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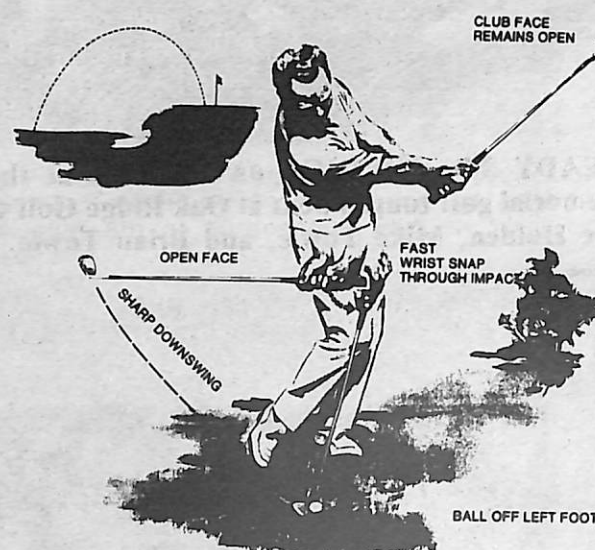
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At the Christopher Corgan Golf Tournament...



READY TO "SWING" on the links at the Christopher Corgan memorial golf tournament at Oak Ridge Golf Club: Michael C. Beck, Joe Holden, Mike Towle, and Brian Towle. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



"SHOULD WE YELL 'FORE'???" The competition was fierce yet fun at the second annual Christopher Corgan memorial golf tournament, which took place at Oak Ridge Golf Club in late June. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



PICTURED AT THE Christopher Corgan memorial golf tournament: Chris Fleming, Donna Theroux, Sylvia Menard, Rita Scala, Barbara Corgan, and Debbie Pellegrino. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

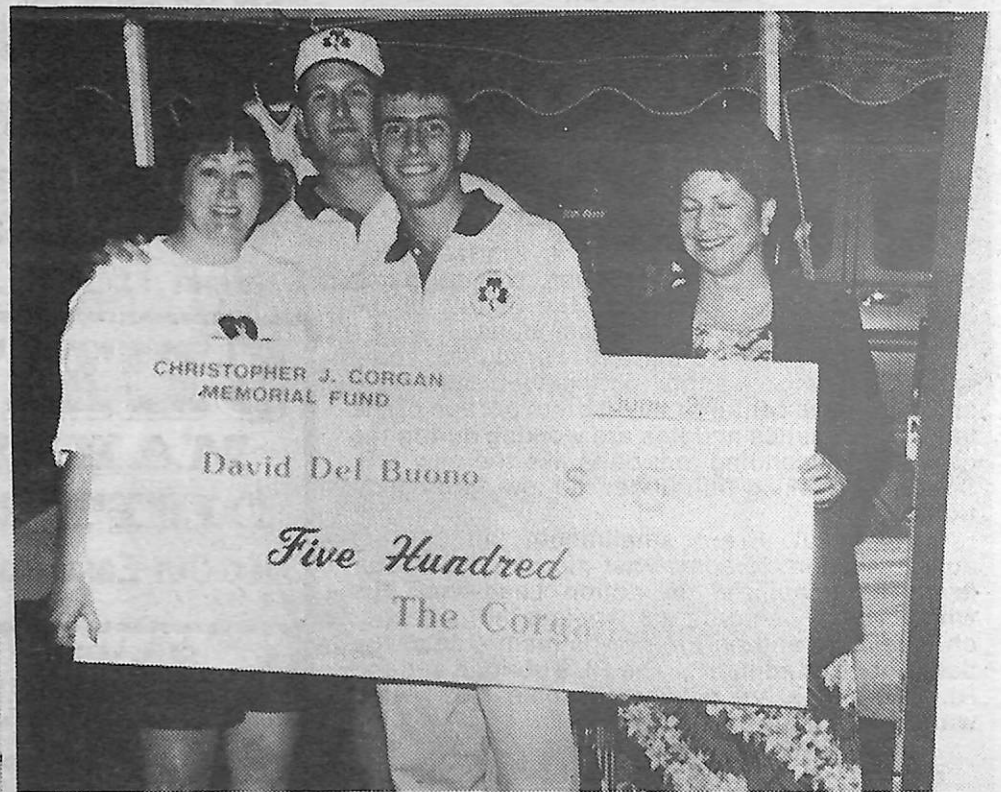
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DAVID DEL BUONO (center), who received a scholarship at the memorial golf tournament, with Barbara Corgan, George Corgan, and his mother, Leda Del Buono.

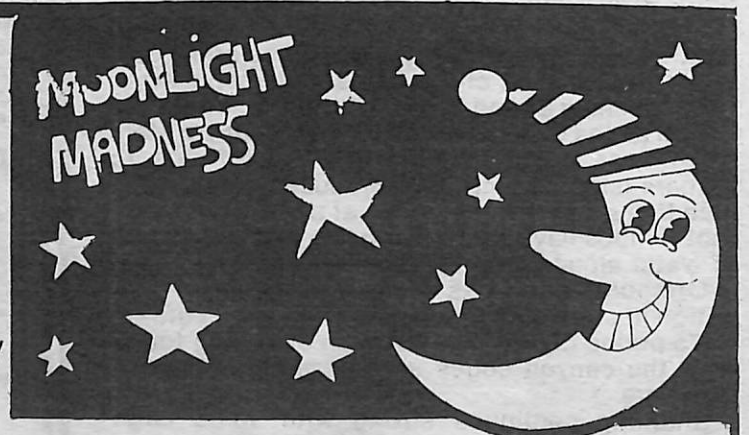
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JEFF COOK (center), one of the Corgan memorial fund scholarship recipients, with members of his family at the memorial golf tournament.



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT KEVIN MURRAY (third from the right) with members of his family and the Corgan family.



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT RACHEL SAYCE (center) with Joe and Barbara Corgan at the memorial golf tournament.



MEMBERS OF CHRISTOPHER CORGAN'S FAMILY: Joe, George, Barbara, and Michael. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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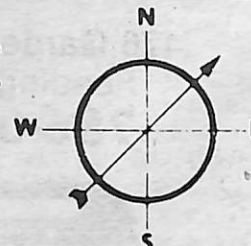
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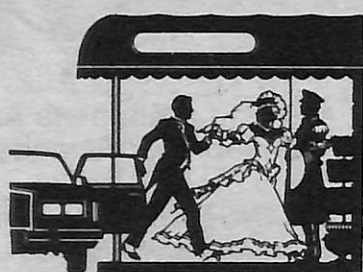
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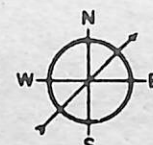
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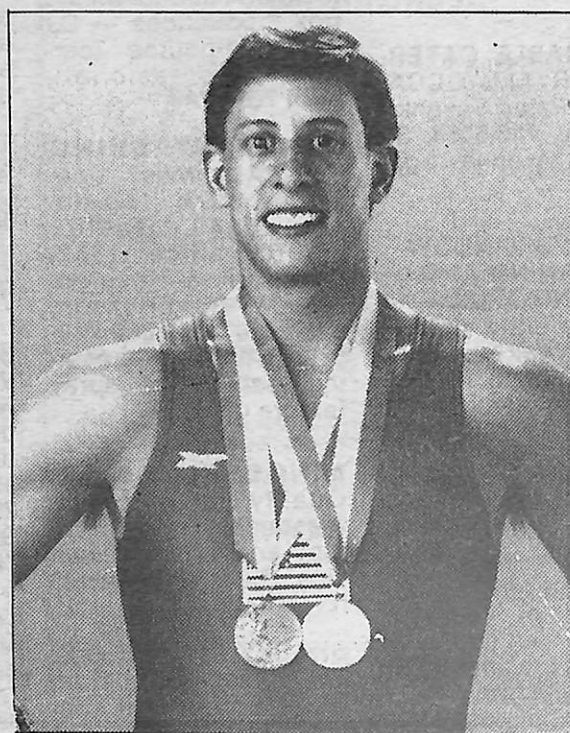
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